

**FORECAST**—Light to moderate variable winds today and Wednesday; mostly cloudy and mild with a light rain.  
Sunshine yesterday, 6 hours 48 minutes.

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Sun sets, 6.43; rises Wednesday, 5.30.			

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## Final Bulletins

### Asmara Captured

CAIRO (AP)—Asmara, capital of Eritrea, capitulated to the British today, it was announced officially tonight.

From Nairobi, Kenya Colony, came an official communiqué to-night which reported that British forces entering Diredawa had discovered the Ethiopian city's Italian inhabitants "being injured" by a large band of deserts from the retreating Italian colonial army.

(The British forces entered Diredawa last Saturday. The Italians said they had abandoned the city.)

Advancing British troops, the communiqué said, quickly restored order, but were unable to prevent some Italian casualties.

### Jail for Saboteurs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Attorney-General Jackson late this afternoon ordered United States attorneys to proceed immediately with prosecutions in cases involving sabotage of Italian and German vessels in U.S. waters.

### Another Raider

SHANGHAI (AP)—An unconfirmed report circulated today that the 18,765-ton Italian liner *Conte Verde* had sailed secretly at dawn and that Japanese warships had met her at the mouth of the Yangtze River. It was said the ship would be armed as a merchant raider.

### Retroactive Tax?

OTTAWA (CP)—A request that the proposed excise tax on sugar be made retroactive "in order to get the parasites of Montreal—the wholesalers," was made today in the House of Commons by George Cruickshank, Liberal, Fraser Valley. Finance Minister Isley said he doubted if that would be done.

Mr. Cruickshank also asked for a pegged price on coffee and Mr. Isley said he would make inquiries.

### One More Scuttled

QUAYAQUIL, Ecuador (AP)—The 1,120-ton German steamship *Cerigo*, anchored in the middle of the Guayas River, burst into flames late today and port officials dispatched a firefighting boat to the vessel.

No sign of activity could be observed aboard the Nazi ship, and watchers on shore believed the crew may have abandoned it after having set it afire.

### Budget Day

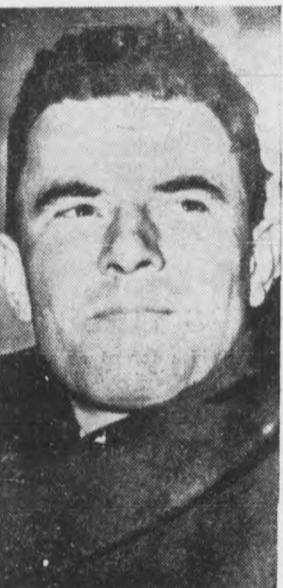
OTTAWA (AP)—Finance Minister Isley this afternoon told the Commons he hoped to make a statement "tomorrow or the next day" on the date he will bring down the budget. It has been reported unofficially Mr. Isley would present the budget before the House adjourns April 9 until April 28. Next Tuesday has been suggested as a possible date.

### FRENCH CHEER U.S.

LYONS, France (AP)—Five hundred persons, including many students, demonstrated today before the United States consulate, cheering Yugoslavia and President Roosevelt, singing the *Marseillaise* and calling for the American flag.

### Fighting Men Back

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT (CP)—Hundreds of men of the Canadian and British fighting services arrived here today, some assigned to new duties on this continent and others returning to the Dominion on leave or invalided out of the fighting front.

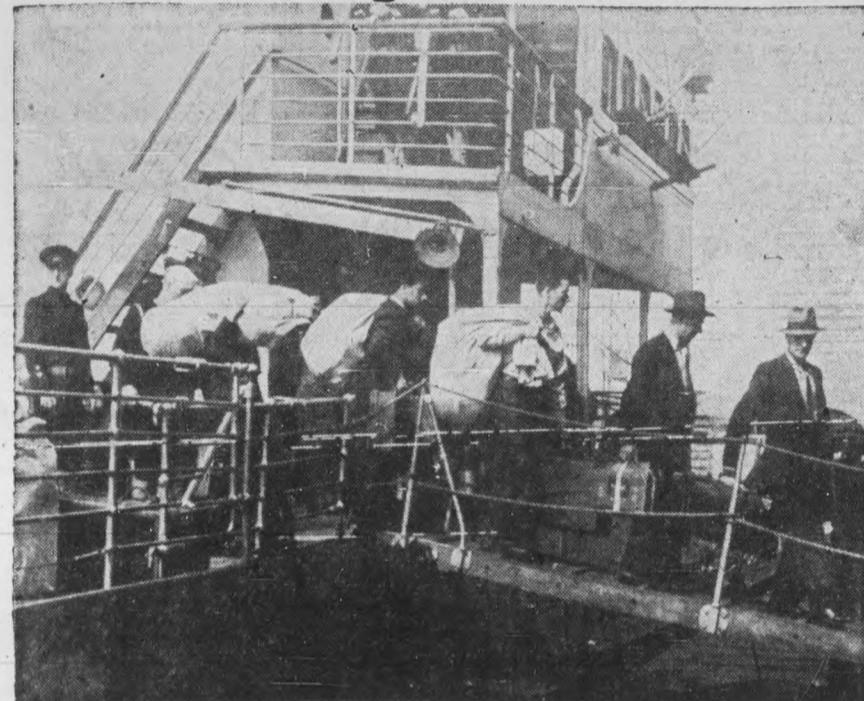


**TO BE DEPORTED?** — Harry Krebs, alias Jan Valtin, author of the best-seller "Out of the Night," shown after posting \$5,000 bail, following surrender on immigration charges.

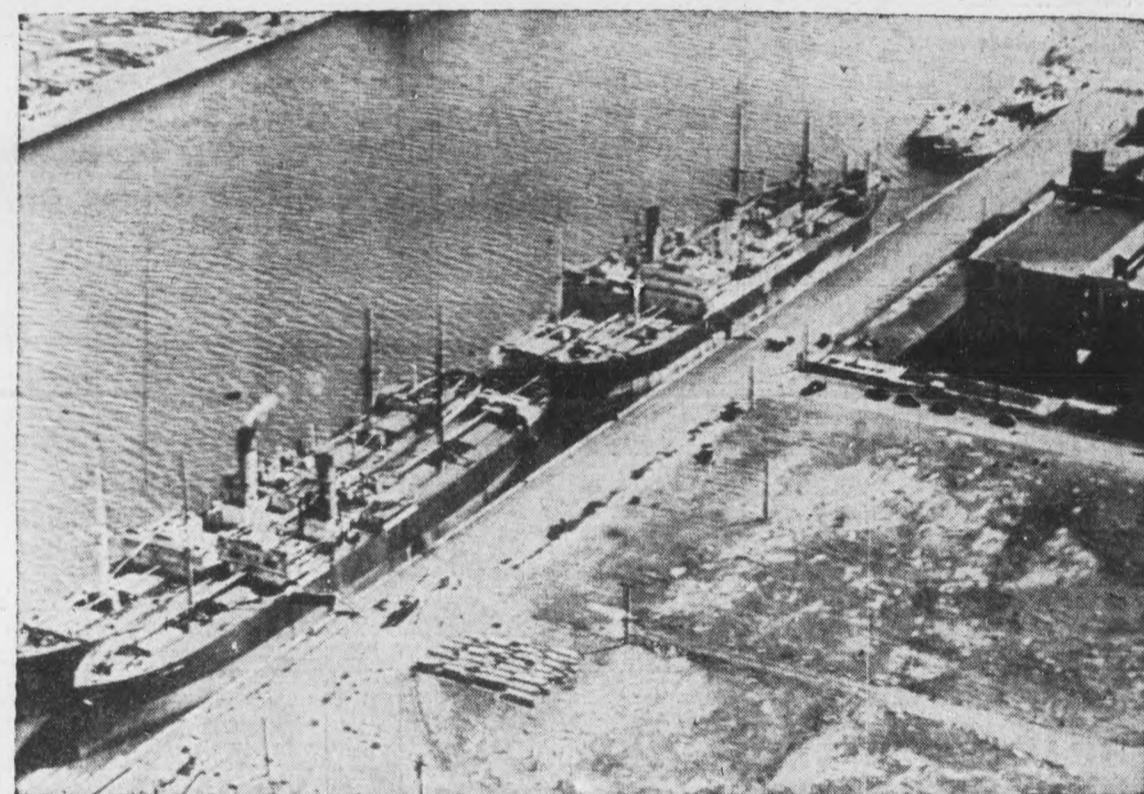
# Peru, Mexico Seize Vessels U.S. Ignores Axis Ship Protest



**MOTORSHIP WRECKED BY ITALIAN SABOTEURS AS U.S. TAKES OVER**—A Coast Guardsman inspects damage to the air valve system of the *Ss. Alberta*, one of five Italian freighters placed under protective custody by the United States at Newark, N.J. Action was taken under the 1917 Espionage Act which makes sabotaging of a ship in harbor an act of sabotage against the harbor.



**U.S. MOVES IN AND ITALIANS MOVE OUT** — Crew of the Italian motorship *Leme* leaves the ship at Portland, Ore., after the United States Coast Guard moves in and takes over the ship under the 1917 Espionage Act. Sabotage was reported on the vessel, with wiring on the bridge cut and damage reported to its motors.



**ITALIAN FREIGHTERS UNDER 'PROTECTIVE CUSTODY'** — Four of the five Italian freighters boarded in Newark, N.J., by Coast guardsmen as the United States government places 69 Axis and Danish merchant ships in U.S. territorial waters under protective custody to safeguard American harbors from acts of sabotage. In this picture, three Coast Guard cutters are seen in background.

## The War Today

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

### WEARING THIN

Cumulative British blows, ashore and afloat, at Germany's shaken Italian Axis mate are tending to force Hitler's hand in the Balkans. He cannot conceivably wait long to find effective means to prop his faltering partner, whatever the risks of two-front war, without risking an early internal Italian collapse.

Berlin's patience with Yugoslavia is wearing thin and for "prestige" reasons alone the situation there cannot be much longer tolerated.

German prestige in Italy seems to be included. It is up to Hitler to find a way to meet the effect of the British naval victory in the east-central Mediterranean, for strictly military and naval reasons as well as prestige.

That fight was more than the greatest sea battle of this war. It might prove to be among the decisive actions of the British-Axis struggle and powerfully influence developments in the battle of the Atlantic as well as in the Mediterranean.

### AT BORDERS

Germany is said to have numerous troops — first reports said five divisions or about 75,000 men in all — to face the northern and eastern frontiers of Yugoslavia, whose firm "no" to Axis threats has sent Germans and Italians scampering to the borders.

There was no indication of immediate hostilities between the two countries and a German spokesman said decisive events probably would not occur for about 10 days — a possible indication they might be expected much sooner or considerably later.

Jugoslavia, apparently expecting a Nazi ultimatum arising from Premier Simovic's refusal to ratify the former Regency's

pact of friendship with the Nazis, showed no signs of backing down from its strong stand, and displayed every sign of fighting should the occasion demand.

Simovic was reported to have won an important diplomatic victory by gaining the support of the Croat minority in his country which the German fifth column last week was believed trying to alienate. The Germans sought to spread belief Yugoslavia was too shaky internally to offer a solid front to any Nazi threats, but last night Vladimir Macek, the Croat leader, and Simovic were reported to have reached an agreement on national unity which will result in Macek remaining within the new government as vice-premier.

SPREADING

Increasing disregard for Germany and Italy's bombs has appeared in many other quarters throughout the world. Latin-American countries started a round-up — led by Costa Rica — of German and Italian shipping which has been lying in western hemisphere harbors, some of it since the start of the war.

Their moves were patterned after that of the United States, which seized 69 German, Italian and Danish vessels on Sunday and Monday, working under an espionage act of 1917 which legalizes such seizures in cases where wilful damage has been done the vessels.

### ITALIANS BUSIEST

Early reports indicated damage only aboard the Italian vessels, but suspicion was directed against the Germans and federal agents were put aboard to make thorough examinations.

German and Italian diplomatic representatives in Washington lodged immediate protests, but the Danes — against whose crews U.S. agents found no immediate evidence of sabotage — declared they would not protest.

He said it was too early to determine the attitude that all other American governments were taking, but the action of the United States already had been followed by some Latin American countries.

### No Action Yet On French Ships

Gaston Henry-Haye, Vichy ambassador to the United States, told reporters after a visit to the State Department that it was his "understanding" no United States action was contemplated against French merchant vessels in American ports.

He said it was given to understand French and other foreign ships in American harbors might, however, be subjected to surveillance.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, returning to the capital from a conference of legislative leaders with the President, said Mr. Roosevelt had "made it quite plain" no plans had been worked out for

increasing disregard for the officers and crews of the German and Italian ships which were fired at San Jose yesterday to thwart seizure.

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sailors. They encountered no resistance.

Each of the vessels carried a crew of about 35. A preliminary examination, officials said, showed no damage.

As confirmation of the U.S. government's grounds for seizing the ships because of actual or anticipated sabotage, Secretary Hull referred to the sinking and burning of some Axis ships in Latin American ports during the weekend.

Despite Axis protests over seizure of Axis shipping, the U.S. government, with an eye to criminal prosecution, sent federal agents to investigate sabotage found on most of the known.

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in their direction. (See story on page 13.)

A few hours earlier, two other German merchantmen had sailed away from Callao without papers.

Cuba, in what was interpreted as an expression of solidarity with the United States, took over an Italian freighter which was anchored in Havana harbor.

Costa Rica took summary action against the officers and crews of the German and Italian ships which were fired at San Jose yesterday to thwart seizure.

The men were clapped into prison incommunicado, charged with arson.

Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Chile already has taken over three Danish vessels.

Maritime circles estimate that there are at least 60 German, Italian, French and Danish ships in Latin-American ports. German ships account for the bulk of the total.

For the immediate present apparently, the eventual disposition of ships taken over by the United States was being left in abeyance. It was learned, however, that government attorneys had been asked for opinions on how the Italian ships, at least, might be declared forfeited because of the damage inflicted by their crews.

The decision of the United States government to open a criminal investigation of this sabotage was taken as further evidence that the administration did not intend to relinquish possession of the ships, and that the protests of Rome and Berlin accordingly would be discussed.

Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Chile followed closely the reports of "protective" seizures elsewhere, but did not indicate what future courses they would adopt.

All have expressed the need for acquiring more shipping, and

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Greeks Wipe Out  
2 Italian Companies

ATHENS (AP) — Dispatches from the Albanian front said today a Greek surprise attack had pinched off the centre of Italian resistance on a dominating height in the central sector and two Italian companies were wiped out.

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Greeks attacked on both flanks as artillery fire was concentrated

### MacDonald Arrives

OTTAWA (CP) — Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, Britain's new high commissioner at Ottawa, arrived in Canada today and promptly let it be known "everybody over there is tremendously impressed" with the contribution this Dominion is making to a warring Empire.

WINNIPEG (CP) — S. G. Blaylock, president and managing director of Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, said in an interview here that an armored tank, carrying four machine guns and six rifles, is ready for instant action at his company's smelting plant at Trail, B.C.

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BERLIN (CP)—The German high command today claimed the port facilities of Hull and Great Yarmouth were "successfully attacked" during the night. "Extensive fires caused heavy

destruction," the daily communique said. "One ship was set afire in Great Yarmouth port."

*Victorians won't let the boys down.*

## Germans Take Over Cargoes at Marseille

LONDON (CP)—The government today charged the Germans "take their pick" of cargoes entering Marseille, Mediterranean port in unoccupied France, and disclosed it is negotiating with the United States on the delicate question of tightening the embargo on its former French ally.

Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, told the Commons that figures "purporting to be official" show that in December and January alone 450 vessels with cargoes of about 500,000 tons entered Marseille.

"Large numbers of reports from a variety of sources leave no doubt the Germans take their pick of all incoming cargoes, while the Italians were permitted to take

smaller picks," he said.

"Nearly all these reports indicate that more than half of such imports are taken by the Nazis. Many quote the proportion as high as 80 per cent."

Mr. Dalton told the House the British government is in communication with the U.S. government on a reported deal under which an "alleged gift of wheat by Germany to Vichy was part of a further arrangement."

Geoffrey Mander, Liberal, had charged some goods which "the Vichy government was to supply under the arrangement were to be imported through Marseille."

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### Belgrade Government Stands Firm

## Jugoslav, Turk, Soviet Declaration Proposed

BELGRADE (AP)—Government circles today said Jugoslavia's new government was seriously considering joining Soviet Russia and Turkey in a neutrality declaration.

Such a declaration was said to have been proposed by the Soviet Union but ignored by Regent Prince Paul, who was ousted last week.

The Cvetkovic government

that signed the Axis three-

people. The army, air force and navy are ready to do their duty."

### No Statement By Germans

BERLIN (AP)—Nazi spokesmen declared themselves unable today to comment further on political events in Belgrade.

When asked whether this meant the situation between Germany and Jugoslavia was hopeless, they said this did not follow, but interpreted their remarks to mean "there is nothing to add to what we have said on previous days because now a state has been reached in Jugoslavia when uncontrollable feelings of hate are at its utmost, when inciters are doing their work, when men are murdered and women are beaten up. German nationals and volksdeutsche (German folk) are insulted and molested, when the whole country is in a state of turbulence."

*Russia and Turkey issued identical statements March 25 pledging each other "full and comprehensive neutrality" in the event that either was obliged to fight to defend her territory.*

Belief was expressed in informed quarters here that such a declaration could have an important psychological effect on the critical relations between Germany and Jugoslavia.

### Minister Sent To Ankara

Milan Gabrilovic, former Jugoslav minister at Moscow and now minister without portfolio in the Jugoslav cabinet, was said to have been sent to Ankara as a special envoy to discuss the question, and then headed to Moscow.

Premier General Dusan Simovic, gradually reorganizing the country, appointed four men friendly to his regime as district governors.

The government also delivered its offer to the demands of the Croat minority. Terms were not disclosed. Croat leaders, with Dr. Vladimir Macek presiding, studied them at Zagreb.

Rumors which could not be confirmed said Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain and General Sir John Dill, chief of Britain's Imperial General Staff, would come here soon.

(Such reports also were heard in Berlin, but an authoritative source in London called them "feathers" to sound out British intentions and said there was "no confirmation."

Both men, who have been making a Near Eastern survey during the past month, were in Athens yesterday for a second visit to the Greek capital.

### Continue Links Between Countries

Despite German-Jugoslavia tension, both countries continued to maintain relations and the opinion was expressed in some quarters that the situation might not be clarified for another 10 days.

Under circumstances suggesting of approaching armed conflict, Germany completed formal evacuation of her nationals from this country, which only a week ago she triumphantly welcomed into the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance.

### 75,000 Germans Near Boundary

Five Nazi divisions—approximately 75,000 men—were reported massed on the Hungarian-Jugoslav frontier within a few hours after German Minister Vlktor von Heeren left Belgrade for Berlin.

Reports were current an ultimatum from Hitler might be expected at any moment, demanding that Jugoslavia demobilize and fulfill the treaty of alliance with the Axis which the since-deposed regency government signed last Tuesday in Vienna.

The Hungarian Telegraph Agency said today in a dispatch from Berlin that the German foreign office had received a note from Belgrade explaining the Jugoslav government's foreign policy, but that the note did not mention the Axis pact.

Premier Simovic, meanwhile, held the Jugoslav army of 1,200,000 men ready for instant action.

Reports from Zagreb said Vladimir Macek, the Croat leader who has been seeking assurances the new government would respect interests of the big minority he represents, had reached an understanding with Simovic and would remain in the cabinet as vice-premier.

The cruiser Ajax, veteran of the Battle of the River Platte, and the cruisers Orion, Perth and Gloucester already at sea were ordered to a position south of Crete.

The 15-inch-gun battleships Warspite, Valiant and Barham, and the aircraft carrier Formidable at Alexandria were ordered to "raise steam with all dispatch."

They left that afternoon.

### 14 SIGHTED

At 7:49 a.m. the next day, Friday, reconnaissance planes again found the enemy—one Littorio class battleship, six cruisers and seven destroyers—about 35 miles south of Gavda Island, which is south of Crete.

The officer told how during the day torpedo bombers from the Formidable and other naval bombers hit the Littorio battleship at least four times and perhaps five times.

"In the interest of the state, the people all are required . . . if destiny orders, to give their lives for the good of their homes, fatherland, King and all the

people. The army, air force and navy are ready to do their duty."

of Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsumoto of Japan, who arrived here yesterday from Berlin.

The Foreign Minister was received by King Victor Emmanuel and was the King's guest at luncheon.

His afternoon schedule included conferences with Mussolini and Foreign Minister Galeazzo Ciano.

*Turks See Germany  
Losing War*

ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkish newspapers expressed belief today that Germany would lose the war because of the Balkan situation.

The newspaper Vatan declared in an editorial: "Germany will lose the Second Great War sooner than expected, not by reason of American aid and the British navy, but chiefly because of her great error in miscalculating the will to independence of some small Balkan nations."

The newspaper Yeni Sabah said: "Hitler promised that by early spring he would conquer the British. The air attack on England failed. The attempt to conquer the Balkans has failed . . . It begins to look as if England this spring will destroy Germany, not Germany who will destroy England."

The Iddam said: "The Germans will not fight in the Balkans until they have exhausted every diplomatic means to gain their end."

The newspaper Tan declared: "Desperate German attempts have been made to play on Serb and Croat enmity, but Vice-Premier Vladimir Macek was too wise and good a man to be fooled by this manoeuvre. In any event, the Serbs control the army and will resist German interference with Jugoslav liberty."

### Nazis Press Italians Into Disaster

## British Victory Makes Convoys Safe

LONDON (CP)—A naval officer declared today the Italians had 3 battleships, 11 cruisers and 14 destroyers in the eastern Mediterranean battle last Friday and Saturday against Britain's three battleships, one aircraft carrier, four cruisers and an undisclosed number of destroyers.

Some destroyers from the Greek fleet participated in the engagement in which three, possibly four, Italian cruisers and two, possibly three, destroyers were sunk. In addition, the 35,000-ton battleship Vittorio Veneto was damaged.

(At Alexandria an Italian captain, Manlio Despici, rescued by the destroyer Jervis from his 10,000-ton cruiser Pola before she sank, was quoted by British officers saying that the "Vittorio Veneto probably sank before she could get back to Taranto." He related that British naval pilots scored at least three direct torpedo hits and that the vessel listed heavily at the stern. Her

*Battle fleet at once opened fire," the officer said. "The enemy must have been taken completely by surprise."*

The first salvos hit at a range of about 4,000 yards and "practically wrecked" two heavy cruisers.

(The Pola and her sister cruisers Flume and Zara, and the destroyers Vincenzo, Gioberto and Maestrale were sunk.)

The officer said the Littorio class battleship "probably moved off during the action between our fleet and the enemy cruisers."

ALEXANDRIA (AP)—"We are going to do our best to finish off the Italian navy before the end of the year," Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham declared here.

"I don't know whether the Italian ships were actually officered by Germans in this engagement, but there was no doubt the Germans exerted pressure on Premier Mussolini to send the fleet to sea," the admiral added.

Coming out of the engagement was the reported story of Captain Watkins of the destroyer Havock to Sir Andrew in a moment of restrained urgency.

"I am hanging onto the stern of the Pola (10,000-ton cruiser). Shall board her or blow her stern off with depth charges. Haven't any torpedoes left," the captain said.

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ber 30, 1939, in Paris. When the French government fled to Bordeaux June 14, 1940, he went along with President Wladyslaw Raczkiewicz and their cabinet. They later established in London.

**Peace Feelers?**  
LONDON (CP)—Under the heading "They Say" the Evening Standard today reported in its gossip column that "Italy is putting out feelers for peace via Madrid."

"Her African empire is in ruins, her Albanian protectorate is slipping away, and she cannot defend her own coasts . . . the Standard added.

Informed sources in London, asked to comment, said "nothing is known in London." They added that the report "crops up every once in a while."

### Thanks to Fighters

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Churchill told the Commons today the speech of Viscount Halifax, British ambassador to the United States, in New York March 25 advocating world-wide economic collaboration after the war "is in full accord with the general outlook" of the government.

Mr. Churchill announced he would make a statement on the war situation the day the House adjourns for the Easter holidays, which will begin April 11, and also would offer a resolution of thanks to the navy, the army, and the air force for their succession of victories in the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attractive off-season rates at Shawinigan Beach Hotel. \*\*\*

Committee for Medical Aid for China. New location, 737 Pandora Avenue, E 4725. \*\*\*

Kiltsa Lodge is opening for the season, on April 5. \*\*\*

Ladies Aid, Church of Our Lord, will hold Easter tea and sale Wednesday afternoon, April 2, at the Cridge Memorial Hall, Humboldt and Balsford. \*\*\*

Lecture and Discussion Club, Y.W.C.A., Monday, April 7, 8:15 p.m. Subject, "Attempt at Dictatorship and Intellectual Life of Third Republic." Speaker, Madame A. B. Vivent. \*\*\*

Rummage Sale, Wednesday, April 2, St. Mary's Hall, Yale Street, Oak Bay, at 2:30 p.m. \*\*\*

Sidney Duck Farm Eggs makes wonder cakes. Pick 'n Pack Grocery, 709 Pandora. \*\*\*

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## A Significant Pronouncement

VATICAN CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWS paper, *Osservatore Romano*, has just published an extensive summary of the Lenten pastoral letter issued by Mgr. Konrad Grueber, Archbishop of Freiburg, which had been suppressed by the Nazi oligarchy. It is important that such a pronouncement should be made public at this time, not only because of the significance of its contents and their meaning to Roman Catholics the world over, but also because of their bearing on the relationship between the Church and totalitarian philosophy in Germany and Italy. Not that the intrinsic contrast is any more violent now than at any time since the German invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939. But the tone of the Letter—described with good reason as “the most daring piece of documentation printed by the Vatican City newspaper since Italy entered the war”—injects an element of spiritual leadership which most assuredly will not be lost on nearly 400,000,000 Roman Catholics. Here is part of the dispatch to the New York Times from Rome yesterday which is self-explanatory:

The Letter rejects the idea that Catholics should remain impulsive in the face of losses and bear them with resignation and faith in God. Resignation without defence is proper only when it is a question of wrongs done to one's own person, not when the honor of God, the health of the soul and the Christian future of the people are at stake. . . . It would be a downright sin if we should leave to the enemies of Christianity—who never rest and take advantage of all occasion—free access to the souls of children . . . already it is almost certain that the future of our people . . . is being built only on an anti-Christian foundation.”

While the foregoing is but a small part of an extensive summary of the pastoral pronouncement, the fact that the *Osservatore Romano* should have given it such prominence at this stage leads to the supposition that Pope Pius regards Mgr. Grueber's defiance of all Nazidom's edicts in respect of religion and religious practices generally as a lead worthy of emphasis by the Vatican's influential journalistic mouthpiece. And although its publication coincides with the complete deflation of Benito Mussolini's imitation of Adolf Hitler in respect of religious and military matters has brought mental disquietude and physical suffering to millions of innocent and peace-loving Italians—it would appear to be a warning to the weaker partner of the Berlin-Rome Axis that should hasten his final removal from the scene. The Letter of Archbishop Grueber, in a partial way, at any rate, reflects the forthright attitude of men like Cardinal Villeneuve in Canada and Cardinal Hinsley in Britain.

## And on April 1

BRITISH TROOPS HAVE ENTERED ASMARA, the capital of Eritrea. The Greeks have scored another notable success in Albania. General Dusan Simovic has succeeded in composing the differences of view between the Croats and Serbs, thus ensuring Jugoslavian national unity to face the common enemy. British shipping losses are down below the monthly average of sinkings. The advance toward Addis Ababa continues; the fall of Ethiopia is near. Countries of the Latin Americas are seizing Axis ships and taking a hand in liquidating other totalitarian business south of the Rio Grande; here is hemisphere defence in high gear.

True, this is April 1, but there is no joke to bring smiles to the faces of the men of Berlin and Rome. It has remained for Pravda, Moscow's party organ, to introduce a little humor of its own. It explains that Russia had not sent congratulations to the new Jugoslavian government—“perhaps the Soviet forgot to do so or did not think of it.” But a people worthy of their glorious past deserve congratulations, and if such congratulations occurred, there would be nothing unusual.” Quite so. As we write, we have no news of what Japan's Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsukata said at the banquet in Rome last night, or what he was thinking. So sorry.

## Another Reduction

THE CONTINUED LOW FIRE RECORD in Victoria and Oak Bay is again recognized by the British Columbia Underwriters' Association. Today's reductions varying from 5 to 28 per cent in fire insurance rates, follow rate cuts in 1926 and 1938. Certain reductions are also being made in the Municipality of Esquimalt. Rates in Saanich were reduced last year when the fire department in that municipality was reorganized. In the whole Greater Victoria area the premium rate is following the trend of the loss ratio.

Several factors have contributed to bringing about conditions which have lowered the loss ratio—thus the insurance rate. Both Victoria and Oak Bay maintain well equipped fire departments and maintain them on a high-efficiency basis. Nonetheless, back of this, the Underwriters' Association has provided vital and essential services aiming at the reduction of fire waste and the protection

of individuals from danger and disaster. The association has maintained a rate-making organization, has analyzed the hazards and protective systems of the municipalities, their water works, fire brigades, alarms and other equipment, has inspected risks, given advice on building standards, construction and installations and on devices to reduce fire-causing possibilities.

Today's rate reductions, of course, will automatically raise the loss ratio. This will put an obligation on the members of the municipal fire committees not only to see that the efficiency of the departments is maintained but that equipment and personnel keep pace with increase in risks to be covered as a result of the current building boom and the population influx. Property owners might well be advised to take advantage of the rate reduction to increase their coverage, in view of the rising costs of goods and materials.

## Fine Gesture

ALTHOUGH IT AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING day that Hon. John Hart's speech to the Vancouver Board of Trade left nothing with which “much fault could be found,” or with his manner of saying it,” the Vancouver Daily Province is scarcely complimentary either to British Columbia's largest city's businessmen or to the Minister himself when it attempts—by implication, at any rate—to reduce the guardian of the provincial treasury to the status of “a good ledgerkeeper.” If the keen attention of his audience could be taken as a criterion of its interest in everything the Minister had to say—and few audiences these days have listened to a speech so attentively—it was a great deal more concerned with the factual statements that fell from his lips than with surmises of extraneous motive.

Knowing all the circumstances, and knowing, too, the Minister's high reputation in the business to which he has given a great part of his active life, Mr. Hart's listeners require no tutelage to enable them to assess the value of his businesslike statement. The Financial News—with no political axe to grind—probably reflecting the attitude of mind of Vancouver's businessmen as well as, or even better than, the Province's editorial arguments, believes the official ministerial pronouncement “put British Columbians in step with the national effort.” It adds:

Mr. Hart's fine gesture removes the bitterness of the wormwood and the gall engendered by the unseemly squabbling which threatened to impair relations between Victoria and Ottawa for an indefinite period. The co-operative spirit shown by the B.C. Finance Minister paves the way for adjustment of remaining problems in an amicable atmosphere.

This week the B.C. Finance Minister provided ample evidence that he has given careful thought to the realities of the present situation and to the part which British Columbians can and should play in the present emergency. His Board of Trade address was a happy augury for greater harmony in provincial-federal relations.”

When the Financial News credits Mr. Hart with removing “the bitterness of the wormwood and the gall engendered by the unseemly squabbling which threatened to impair relations between Victoria and Ottawa for an indefinite period,” it joins the chorus which has gone up from practically every other section of the press and public throughout the province. This newspaper thoroughly disagreed with the procedure at the national capital. Mr. Hart was not to blame for that. But his method now prevails. And if the Vancouver Daily Province prefers to tar his speech with the petty political brush, it leaves itself open to a suspicion that the Minister has done something in the interests of national unity which does not altogether suit its partisan predilection.

## Shower of Dimes

IF YOU HAVE A DIME—OR TWO, OR three—loose in your pocket, slip it—or them—into an envelope addressed to the Solarium Junior League, care of the Post Office. For the April Shower of Dimes begins today for that fine, humanitarian institution at Mill Bay, the Queen Alexandra Solarium for Crippled Children. A dime is not much to ask for; but a daily procession of them for the next 30 days will mean much for a cause that must depend largely upon public beneficence in peacetime as well as wartime.

## Mr. Howe is 100 PER CENT RIGHT

From Ottawa Journal  
Minister of Munitions Howe told the House of Commons that no official can be given a free hand in the direction of any branch of war production or in the spending of public money.

Mr. Howe is so right the wonder is that, in a democracy, it has been necessary for him to make such a statement.

Unfortunately a terrible lot of nonsense has been talked and written about the need of some sort of a super dictator running our war effort. We have had newspapers and public men, all of whom should know better, demanding that some heaven-born genius be summoned to Ottawa to cut through “red tape” and parliamentary checks and balances to “get things done.” What was needed, they have been proclaiming loudly, is a “Canadian Lord Beaverbrook.”

Well, to begin with, Lord Beaverbrook doesn't cut through British parliamentary checks and balances, nor through the “red tape” of the British Treasury Board. Not by a long sight. Lord Beaverbrook (as Mr. Howe pointed out) gets approval of his expenditures from the British Treasury, and approval of his policies and plans from the British Cabinet. More than that, and equally important, Lord Beaverbrook is a member of the British Cabinet—and of the British Parliament. He is a responsible Minister of His Majesty's Government; responsible to Parliament.

## Bruce Hutchison

OTTAWA.

## DULL BUT IMPORTANT

THE FINANCES behind Canada's war effort make pretty dull reading. Few will read past the first line of type that mentions them. Consequently, few understand them. Still, we have a right in Canada to expect learned British editors to understand them, and obviously they don't.

Some of the British papers now to hand, including even the August Times, obviously have no more idea about our Canadian war expenditures and taxation than have the Canadian people. The difference is that the Canadian people don't attempt to discuss them; they only pay. Whereas the editors, supposedly the last word in financial accuracy, do discuss these things in a state of extraordinary ignorance.

If this were a matter only between financiers, a mere discussion of figures, it wouldn't matter much. Unfortunately, it is more than that. The figures are presented in the British press and in the American press in a fashion to misrepresent not only Canada's actual expenditures but its whole attitude towards the war. They are presented to indicate that Canadians are actually doing less to help Britain in the war than Americans, which is entirely false.

The Economist started a chain of false impressions with its recent statement, cabled to America, that it is rather peculiar that Canada should demand cash for aiding Britain while the United States does it freely. Other papers have taken this idea up. American isolationists who have made this assertion on their own in Congress find confirmation from a British source. And it is still false.

## EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

WITHOUT GOING INTO details and theories of finance, which only bore the ordinary reader, these are the facts:

Canada is supplying everything to Britain that it can supply with its present productive equipment. That this equipment can be improved, that the total supply can be increased there is no doubt. That is a question of management, of administration, of technique. But there is no truth in the suggestion that Canada is holding back anything from Britain through Britain's inability to pay cash for it.

The contrary is the truth. Canada is supplying enormous quantities of war materials to Britain without cash payment. How much, the public does not yet know because the financial details involved so far are a secret. But whenever the Canadian government announces that it has repatriated a dollar's worth of Canadian securities held in Britain, this means that it is aiding Britain by a dollar.

Mr. Ilsley says that this year we shall repatriate \$400,000,000 in this way, he expects. This is the best reason to know that after making this estimate Mr. Ilsley will have to revise it upward enormously. He will have to finance closer to \$1,000,000,000 worth of British purchases in this country this year, for which Britain cannot pay cash. Either this will be financed by the repatriation of securities or it will be financed by an outright expansion of credit.

## WE FIND IT

EITHER WAY, the Canadian people must advance the money. For every dollar used in repatriation, the Canadian people must find a dollar, must spend a dollar less on themselves. It is true, of course, that when we repatriate securities we reduce our foreign debt; we owe the money to Canadians instead of owing it to the Britishers, but we owe it. And Britain has not been compelled to give us its gold, its cash, which it can use in foreign countries unwilling to help it except for cash. Britain has not given us goods either; has not been compelled to use its energy making actual things to send us in return for our war shipments.

There is another fact that the critics of Canada seem to forget. In addition to everything we ship to Britain direct, our own war effort will cost at least \$1,500,000,000 this year. Most of it is for the assistance of Britain, and Britain won't pay a cent of the cost. Add that to the amount shipped to Britain this year without cash payment and you have an enormous total.

What the people want to know, beyond all these financial calculations, is how much war material is going to move across the ocean to Britain from Canada. The day Mr. Howe said at Fort William the other day that we would supply Britain this year with \$1,500,000,000 worth of goods out of our factories—this in addition to our own war program. There is nothing in all this to support the mischievous and annoying suggestion that we are trying to make money out of the war which, quite obviously, is going to require every nickel we can find in Canada.

## AS THE LANDLORD SEES IT

The luckiest man in the whole world today is the tenant who fixes the rent he must pay. Informs the landlord his intention to stay, maybe a week or until judgment day. He's the cock of the walk, always on hand, laugh at all leases, the landlord he—  
E. B. ANDROS.  
1203 Beach Drive.

Mussolini's theme song: “I Ain't Got No Bardia.”

Marriage is the only adventure open to the cowardly—Voltaire.

## Parallel Thoughts

And David knew that Saul secretly practiced mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. —Samuel 23.

He who has injured thee was either stronger or weaker. If weaker, spare him; if stronger, spare thyself.—Seneca.

## Elmore Philpott

MEN WANTED

IN SOME PARTS of Canada recruiting is so slow that there are serious doubts as to our national ability to maintain the necessary flow of manpower into the army.

The inescapable facts will force a national showdown, in my opinion. We shall sooner or later be forced to make up our minds whether to abandon the haphazard, inefficient, hit-and-miss system of voluntary recruiting; or face the alternative—ability to maintain at full strength units already enlisted.

Volumes could be written in explanation of Canada's failure to get into the armed forces, and keep effectively in the armed forces, the men needed to carry our share of the war load. But the net effect of the whole story is this: We have already failed to get and keep all the men needed when there still was a large surplus of manpower in Canada—that is, men unable to get regular employment. Everybody knows that in the months and years ahead more and more men and women are going to be drawn into employment in the war industries. How do we expect to maintain and expand our fighting forces under those circumstances? Must the recruiting officers compete with employment agencies of factories for the wartime services of our young men? How is the individual to know where his patriotic duty lies, as between production of ships and tanks, for instance, and training to fight on or in those ships, tanks, or planes?

## TOO SAFE

A common remark, not shouted from the rooftops, but whispered everywhere, is that this generation of youngsters lacks the guts of its predecessors. That is both a laugh and a libel. The best proof that the explanation of the tardiness to enlist is not lack of courage is in the figures for airforce applications. A pilot's chances of meeting sudden death, even in training, let alone actual combat, are high. Yet there is no braver branch of the service than the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The great reason for the slowness in steady recruiting to date is not that the army has been too dangerous, but that it has not had any real fighting to do. In the last war, at about this period, the casualty lists were appearing every day. The brothers and chums of those boys at home were actually at grips with the Germans on the actual front. The real driving force behind recruiting was the most primitive of instincts—the urge to stand with one's kind against an obvious threat.

It seems a terrible thing to say: But the one sure way to drive thousands of young Canadians into recruiting offices would be a great and bloody clash between the German and British armies in which the Canadian Corps was engaged.

## TIMES CHANGE

Actual figures for enlistment in this war, and the earlier ones do not bear out the dismal allegations against the younger generation. We cannot get them right up to date. But here they are to October 31, 1940, for all three branches of the service:

Pop. Enlist.  
Alberta 778,000 13,920  
B.C. 751,000 18,556  
Manitoba 717,000 16,400  
New Brunswick 440,000 10,175  
Nova Scotia with P. E. I. 635,000 18,490  
Ontario 3,711,000 72,504  
Quebec 3,135,000 34,603  
Saskatchewan 939,000 11,689

My impression is that Quebec's total, as shown above, is far in excess of comparative enlistments in 1914-15. In the land forces, everything considered, French Canada's voluntary enlistments are highly commendable. Quebec gave but 2,715 recruits for the Air Force as against 9,664 from Ontario, and 1,854 from B.C.

## BRITAIN'S WAY

Every country in the world, including Britain and the United States, had to adopt compulsion before it was able to put its war effort on an effective basis. I think Canada will have to do likewise.

## NEWTON AGAIN

It was none other than Sir Isaac Newton, the same fellow who uncovered the law of gravity when an apple bopped him on the head, who discovered the theory on which motion pictures are based. For in 1670 Newton proved the psychological fact that the impression on the eye's retina lasts longer than the source of the light and that if a new impression is formed before the preceding one has disappeared. And that's why moving pictures move.

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Company Limited  
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ROUNDABOUT ROUTE

From London Spectator  
Speaking of Sweden, I am glad to be able to recommend what the A.A. would call the shortest practicable route to anyone thinking of visiting Stockholm. The new British Press attaché at the Stockholm legation is taking it. You go, to begin with, to Capetown by sea; then to Cairo by air. After that, of course, the rest of the journey, via Istanbul and Moscow, is simple. Not long ago, it may be recalled, the personnel of the Friends' Ambulance Unit, which was stranded in Sweden after the fall of Norway, reached the Libyan front by the same route reversed.

## TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

From Markham Economist-Sun  
More Canadians should be travelling in the United States telling friends and relatives about Canada's war effort. A distinguished world figure, who has just traveled from coast to coast on an American lecture tour, said in Toronto the other day the Americans know almost nothing about why Canada is in the war or what she is doing about it. He felt that restrictions on travel were in part responsible for this widespread ignorance.

The Financial Post believes that the best send-off we could give our 1941 tourist season would be a friendly announcement that our travel restrictions were to be modified somewhat.

The restrictions need not be entirely removed to achieve the desired effect.

## SPENCER FOODS

WEDNESDAY MORNING VALUES

MEATS, AS CUT IN CASE—CASH AND CARRY

Spare Ribs	13c	Per lb.	25c	Per lb.	20c
Oxford S					

**Esquimalt Estimates Passed****Will Spend \$82,304  
On Work This Year**

Esquimalt estimates for the current year were passed by the municipal council last night with expenditures amounting to \$82,304.45 and \$23,476.25 available for public works.

The 37 mill rate for the municipality, a reduction of two mills from last year's tax rate, was passed at the last meeting of the council.

Expenditures were made up as follows, with the division of the tax rate for 1940 in brackets: Debt, \$5,142.29 or 2.58 mills (2.68); schools, \$24,000 or 12.05 mills (14.42); general and police, \$53,162.16 or 22.37 mills (21.90).

The assessment for taxation was \$1,993,215. At the new rate, \$73,749.95 was available from taxation. Estimated collection of this was 87 per cent, or \$64,261.59.

The surplus amounted to \$41,519.11. This left a balance of \$40,785.34, which, subtracted from the estimated collections of \$64,261.59, left \$23,476.25 available for public works.

The surplus was made up from \$47,541.04 an estimated revenue from all sources other than the tax levy, with the liabilities of \$6,021.93 subtracted.

**NO BIG CHANGES**

The items listed in the expenditures were based on figures for previous years and no outstanding increases or decreases were made.

Some of the general expenses, with the 1940 figures in brackets, follow: Donations, \$2,500 (\$2,604.68); audit fees, \$700 (\$700); elections, \$250 (\$150.56); Insurance, \$674 (\$399.59); public health, \$6,000 (\$5,800); indemnity, reeve and councillors, \$1,400 (\$1,400); administration, \$1,140 (\$1,110); fire department operation, \$3,000 (\$2,969); street lighting operation, \$1,800 (\$1,623); general expenses totaled \$27,195.

**LIGHTING PLANT**

Under extraordinary expenses was \$1,200 for a street lighting plant which would include establishing a new power house, and \$500 for a fire department plant.

Councillor Thomas Hadfield submitted the estimates as chairman of the finance committee.

Five lots were sold for a total of \$410.

M. F. Stewart was sold two lots on Greenwood Avenue for \$125; G. E. Rumsby one lot on Old Esquimalt Road for \$150; E. Holmes one lot on Nelson Street for \$75, and J. R. Bradshaw one lot on the corner of Greenwood Avenue and Lampson Street for \$60.

An offer from the Royal Trust Company on behalf of a client for purchase of an additional piece of property to the Hall estate on Old Esquimalt Road for \$50 was accepted, making the total cost of the property \$300.

On motion of Councillor Fred Eaton, the garbage department will be notified to co-operate with the city in the "Clean-up, Paint-up Week" by removing any debris or rubbish laying around the municipality while disposing of garbage.

Poor car parking conditions at the south of the entrance to the Esquimalt dockyards will be drawn to the attention of the chief of police.

The council heard a complaint from a resident of drainage water seeping into his basement. Reeve Alex Lockley will inspect the condition along with the foreman of works, P. J. McCulloch.

The resident said his water bill had been nearly doubled during the winter. Councillors Eaton and G. Guillemaud remarked their water bills had increased, too.

Another resident told the council, in a letter, of an accident he had while walking on a board sidewalk, near the dockyard, in which he injured his knee.

"I understand the municipality can be held liable for the expense this accident has caused me," the letter stated.

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suggestion was made that the swings be removed.

"We've had other complaints of sailors using the swings at night," Reeve Lockley said. "I doubt whether removal of the swings would mean the removal of the sailors."

The matter was laid on the table for consideration later.

A widower asked the municipality to help pay burial expenses of his wife, who died recently. The request was laid on the table for further consideration.

Harry Barker and George Wise asked that sidewalk be constructed on Head Street. The request was received and filed, and Mr. Wise and Mr. Barker will be notified the work will be carried out when workmen were available.

The foreman of works was chosen as arbitrator in a quarrel between two neighbors over use of a piece of municipal property which separated their houses.

One of the parties in question had padlocked the gate into the property, yet allowing his neighbor to make use of a section of the lot for piling wood.

**TOURIST TRAVEL  
SUPPORT ASKED**

One way the 40 Gyro Clubs in Canada could help the country in its war effort would be to encourage tourist traffic from the United States, was a suggestion put forward by James A. "Jake" Northery, Toronto, a past international president of Gyro and a director of the C.N.R., to the Victoria club at its luncheon meeting in the Empress Hotel yesterday.

The Canadian Gyro Clubs had contacts with United States clubs and through these contacts much good could be done in promoting tourist travel to the Dominion. More American dollars would then be available for purchasing war supplies in the United States.

Mr. Northery said the Gyro Clubs should support organizations promoting the tourist industry.

An objective of Gyro was to create a feeling of friendliness. The organization was doing a valuable work along this line, but could go still further, Mr. Northery said.

**Query Magistrate**

Counsel was given definite instructions in the manner questions should be put to Magistrate Henry C. Hall for the purposes of the Bisa Singh stated case by Mr. Justice H. B. Robertson in Supreme Court Chambers yesterday.

An appeal by means of a stated case is sought by F. C. Elliott, representing Bisa Singh, following conviction of the latter on a charge of violating the Male Minimum Wage Act.

Yesterday's appearance before Mr. Justice Robertson, C. L. Harrison, for the crown, objected to the manner in which Mr. Elliott sought to phrase a question concerning 11 other similar cases.

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**R.C.A.F. NEEDS  
RADIO TECHNICIANS**

Royal Canadian Air Force officials said there was "urgent need" for 2,500 radio technicians — men who will be given a short intensive course in radio work in Canada and sent overseas to take their places in the ground defences.

The R.C.A.F. has been recruiting skilled radio mechanics to take these posts for several months, "but this source of supply seems to have been nearly exhausted," the announcement said.

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**SALT SPRING**

GANGES—The monthly meeting of Ganges Women's Institute was held in Mahon Hall, Mrs. Charlesworth presiding. Mrs. D. Fynie gave a report of the meeting of the children's garden committee, at which it was decided to continue the children's garden competition. The committee wish, if possible, to secure a piece of land near the consolidated school, where community gardening could be carried on.

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**WITH THE FORCES****VARIETY SHOW  
AT K. OF C. HUT**

One of the merriest shows to be staged at the K. of C. Hut was put on by the Elks Concert Party on Sunday before a packed house of all ranks of the three services. Some clever talent had been gathered by Percy Payne with Norval Peterson a drill master of ceremonies. Vanda Hudson, a recent arrival in Victoria, who has given concerts for troops in the Old Country and throughout Canada, gave a clever series of impressions of Hollywood stars. Ernie Fullerton, Morris Varcoe and David Armstrong, were well received. Other artists, who were frequently encored, were little Dorothy Finn in song and dance; George Hepworth in violin solos; Jim Matheson, Art Jackman and Mrs. Elsa Ridgeway were heard in vocal solos.

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The Local Council of Women at its meeting yesterday afternoon endorsed a resolution sponsored by the Soroptimist Club asking that in any schemes proposed by the government for the rehabilitation of men after the war, consideration be also given to the women.

Mrs. F. Muttle in speaking at the resolution pointed out that many members of the nursing

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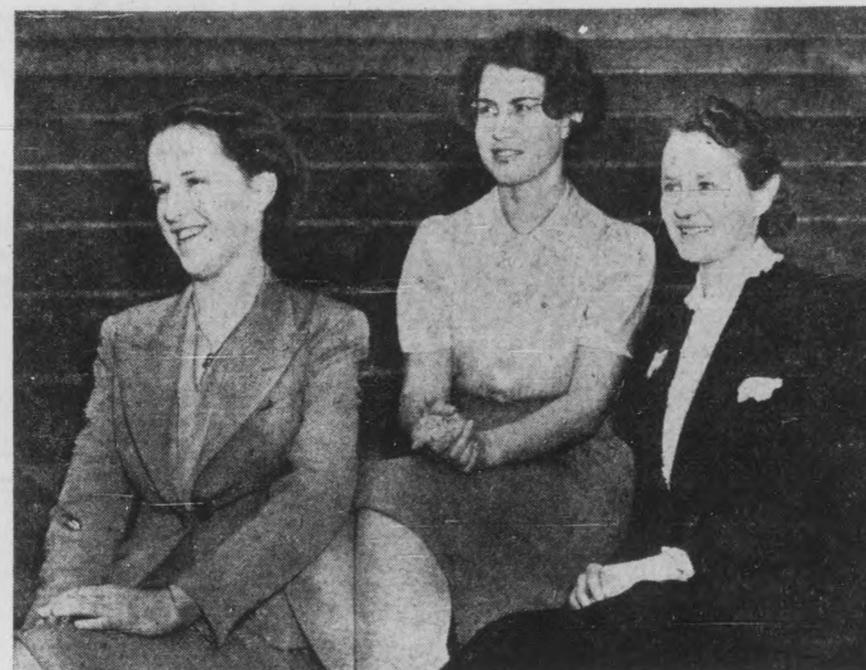
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ON WAR SERVICES DRIVE—The Misses Kitty Cameron, Beatrice Dickens and Marion Henry of the Senior "Y" girls' committee were discussing the plans made by the Y.W.C.A. in connection with the War Services drive now in progress, when the Times cameraman happened along and took this informal picture.

### Social and Personal

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Hamber entertained at the first of two official dinners in honor of the Earl of Athlone and H.R.H. the Princess Alice last night at Government House. Covers were laid at a table centred with an exquisite arrangement of spring flowers in pink and yellow, with tulips, iris, narcissi predominating, the guests including representatives of the services, the government, the judiciary and the clergy and others who comprise the precedence list.

In response to requests from the council, hairdressers have taken steps to tighten up their regulations on the sterilization of equipment and to discontinue the practice of carrying combs, scissors, etc., in the pockets, it was announced in a letter received from the secretary of the B.C. Hairdressers' Association and read yesterday.

The appointment of Mrs. Rayfuse as recording secretary was confirmed by the meeting. Mrs. Blair Reid, treasurer, presented her financial statement, and also reported that the booths for the War Savings stamps conducted by the Local Council in the Hudson's Bay and Spencer's stores had netted about \$900 since Feb. 15, a result which was warmly applauded.

The meeting decided to send flowers and a message of greeting to H.R.H. the Princess Alice.

As yesterday's meeting took the place of the usual April meeting, which fell on Easter Monday, the council will not meet again until May 12, it was announced by Mrs. A. E. Hopkins, the president.

### No Pleasure Travel

OTTAWA (CP)—With Canada buying hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of war essentials in the United States it would not be practical to permit the use of foreign exchange for pleasure travel in the United States, Finance Minister Isley declared in the Commons this afternoon.

There was "no evidence whatever" that tourist travel from the United States to Canada had been prejudiced by the restrictions placed in the way of Canadians traveling in the United States.

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Mrs. Kenneth Salmon of Toronto, and her two children, Peter and Marjorie, arrived in Vancouver today from the east on a visit to Mrs. Salmon's sister, Miss Marjorie Leeming. They will all come over to Victoria for Easter to spend the holiday season with Mrs. Salmon's and Miss Leeming's father, Mr. Thomas Leeming.

Miss Aileen Tweed, who has been on the staff of the newsstand at the Empress Hotel, and who left yesterday on the eve of her marriage to Mr. Gordon Soutar, was the centre of a pleasing little ceremony yesterday afternoon, when Mr. J. K. Hodges, the manager, presented her with a handsome Trillite lamp and a table lamp, with the felicitations and good wishes of the management and staff.

Leading Writer Frank Noble, R.C.N., who went on leave from active service, and Mrs. Noble left here last Saturday for Kamloops, where they will visit their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Noble and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. MacDonald.

Mrs. C. M. McNaughton, Hollywood Crescent, who went up to Trail for the McNaughton-Young wedding that took place there on Saturday, returned to Victoria this afternoon. While in the interior, Mrs. McNaughton was the guest of Miss Urquhart of the staff of the Trail-Tadanac Hospital.

A surprise miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Miss Frances Tatham, 836 Vernon Avenue, in honor of Miss May Smith, an Easter bride-elect. Upon her arrival the guest of honor was presented with a corsage of pink carnations and fern. The many gifts were concealed in a box prettily decorated in shades of yellow and green crepe paper, tied with a large bow of the same colors. Bouquets of daffodils and Easter lilies completed the decorations. Games were played and community singing brought the evening to a close. Refreshments were served from a table centred with a low green bowl of varied polyanthus, flanked on either side by green tapers in silver holders. The invited guests were: Mesdames F. Tatham, I. Smith, J. Kirby, T. Baldwin, W. Clare, R. Saunders, H. Hetherington, F. Butler, G. Tippett, F. Ham, G. Dean, F. Harting, E. Gardner, W. Holmes, N. Dawson and the Misses May Smith, Elsie Ham, Ida Pearce, Winnie Pearce, Mickey Smith, Lucy Harding, Laura and Ethel Tatham.

Mrs. Mary Cameron Riddell of Vancouver is spending a week here and is the guest of Mrs. C. J. Coulats, King George Terrace.

Lady Nanton, who has been staying at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel for the last eight weeks, left yesterday on her return to Winnipeg.

Mrs. Walter Adams left yesterday for Vancouver to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Lieut. E. Fox, R.C.N.R., and Mrs. Fox, and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Adams.

Mary Byng, widow of a former Governor-General of Canada, entertained His Excellency the Earl of Athlone and H.R.H. Princess Alice informally at luncheon at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel yesterday. Luncheon was served in the main dining-room, at a table centred with daffodils and hyacinths.

Mrs. Richardson of New Westminster, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. D. Forteau, McClure Street, left today to visit points up the coast.

Mrs. G. H. Kingham, Beach Drive, has returned home after visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jeffrey, at Maple Bay.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Martin of Montreal, who have been visiting in Victoria, as guests at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, have left for their home in Quebec.

Mrs. H. H. Shandley, Beach Drive, who has been visiting in Vancouver with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wyde, returned home yesterday morning.

Mrs. F. E. Winslow, Craigdarroch, after spending a few days at Harrison Hot Springs, returned home this morning. Mrs. J. W. Spencer, who accompanied her to Harrison, will return home to tomorrow.

Miss Aileen Tweed, who is to be married in Vancouver on Saturday to Mr. Gordon Soutar, was the guest of honor when Miss Isla Adams and Miss Helen Ransome were joint hostesses at an after-party at the home of Mrs. Chas. F. Earle, Joan Crescent Among the guests were: Miss Tweed, Mr. Soutar, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Earle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waring, Mr. and Mrs. Excel, Mrs. Janet Barton, Miss Nora Siemon, Messrs. Ben Franklin, Dave Kennedy, Fred Abbott and Jack Whitehead. On Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Frank Waring and Miss Helen Parker entertained jointly at the latter's home on Gorge Road with an after-five party, in compliment to Miss Tweed and Mr. Soutar.

Miss Florence Harper and Bernice Waldron were joint hostesses recently at a surprise party given at the former's home, 488 Admirals Road, in honor of Miss Gladys Clements, whose marriage to Mr. A. F. Dodd, R.C.N., will take place early next month. Upon her arrival the bride-to-be and her mother were presented with a corsage bouquet of red carnations by little Dorothy Harper. She later received a hand-made suede purse and gloves from her assembled friends with their good wishes. The evening was spent playing games, the winners being Mrs. J. T. Harper Jr., Mrs. A. Clements, Mrs. L. Gibbons, Mrs. A. Herrington, Miss G. Clements, Miss L. Harper. A buffet supper was served later by the hostesses. The guests were: Mesdames A. Clements, J. F. Harper Sr., J. Norman, F. Jenkins, A. Edmonds, J. T. Harper Jr., S. Waldron, J. A. Harper Jr., A. Herrington, L. Gibbons, N. Dawson and the Misses May Smith, Elsie Ham, Ida Pearce, Winnie Pearce, Mickey Smith, Lucy Harding, Laura and Ethel Tatham.

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The district meeting of the King's Daughters was held in the organization's rooms in the Hibben-Bone Building yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. A. M. Perry presiding. It was announced that the organization will have to move its headquarters. The new location will be in the Jones Building, Fort Street. Plans were discussed for a farewell silver tea to be held on Saturday, April 19, in the old headquarters that had been used for 25 years. It was reported that many gifts had been sent the soldiers overseas, and the members are continuing their knitting and work for the firemen in England. The provincial convention was announced to be held at Duncan on April 30 and May 1. Delegates from Victoria have not yet been appointed.



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### Clubwomen's News

Central W.C.T.U. will meet at the Y.W.C.A. on Thursday afternoon at 2:45.

Craigflower W.I. will hold a home and cooking stall at the home of Mrs. Rogers, 969 Westing Road, Wednesday afternoon.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the R.C.A. will meet tomorrow evening at 8 at the home of Mrs. H. Parker, 488 Head Street.

The evening branch of St. Martins-in-the-Fields, W.A. will meet at the home of Mrs. C. Lewis, Parkview Drive, this evening at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. Hood.

The Guild of Friendship will meet on Thursday evening at 8 at 1242 Richardson Street, instead of on Friday. Miss Ann L. Lewis will be married to Mr. Lawrence Denton on April 12.

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James Bay P.T.A. will meet at 8 at the South Park School. After a short business session an April Fools' party will be held, with games, contests, prizes and refreshments.

The Ladies' Aid of the Church of Our Lord, Free Church of England, will hold a party in the South Park School. After a short business session an April Fools' party will be held, with games, contests, prizes and refreshments.

Mr. Vaughan, with his daughter, Grace, had conducted Hope Bethel Mission and Sunday school here for some years past.

Born at St. John, N.B., in 1857, Mrs. Vaughan was married to Captain Benjamin Vaughan at Baltimore, Md. Her mother was the founder of what is now the women's branch of Acadia College, of higher learning for women in Canada. Her grandfather, Rev. I. E. Bill, D.D., was a brother of Senator Cabel Bill, one of the signatories of Canada's articles of Confederation.

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Daughters of St. George, Princess Patricia Lodge, will meet in the S.O.E. Hall on Friday at 8 p.m. All officers will wear white. Installation of Mrs. E. C. Blake, Beechwood Farm, Metchosin. The wedding to take place quietly in the latter part of 3 to 6 o'clock.

W.A. to the Army and Navy will hold a card game recently. The prize winners were: Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Fisher, my prize, Mrs. McKinnon. A card game will be held on Thursday at 8 p.m., at Mrs. Richardson's, 1124 Grant Street.

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The reception was held at the home of Corporal and Mrs. R. A. Clarke, 145 Government Street, with whom the bridegroom has made his home. For the honeymoon the bride wore a navy blue coat over a blushing rose dress with white accessories. Leading Seaman and Mrs. Potts will leave early in April for Halifax.

HORNER—ALLEN

The marriage was quietly solemnized on Saturday afternoon at St. Paul's Naval and Military Church, Esquimalt, of Zeta Laman Allen, only daughter of Mrs. W. M. MacLachlan Duncan, and Lieut. Stanley Morris Horner, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Horner, Angus Drive, Vancouver. Rev. A. Bischlicher was the officiating clergyman. Only the parents of the bridegroom and bride were present.

Lieut. Horner was called up from the reserve forces and left yesterday for Camp Borden to take a course. His wife will follow later.

Victorians won't let the boys down.

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## Red Cross Notes

## CANADIAN GRATEFUL

A soldier patient in Taplow Hospital, writes to the Canadian Red Cross Society as follows:

"This is just a short letter to show my appreciation of your good work. Last week I was taken sick and sent to 'C' Hospital. Yesterday all the Canadians were taken from there and brought here to Number Five Canadian General Hospital. As you most probably know it is a Canadian Red Cross Hospital. This place is heaven beside the old hospital. To me this place is just 100 per cent better than 'C'. I could never tell you in my own words how marvellous this hospital is. The staff here have made the Canadian fellows right at home. The ward I am in is finished off in two-tone green, all the furniture is Canadian and is marvellously clean. At one time I used to wonder where the Red Cross spent their money, I now realize where it goes. This place must have cost a small fortune. There are a lot of people back home I believe, who don't quite realize the work of the Red Cross, as I didn't. I shall certainly let my friends know just how well I have been treated. You know it is a soldier who sees and feels the good of this wonderful work. I do want everyone to know that I appreciate your good work and will endeavor to do my utmost some day to help also." Signed, Harold L.

## TRAIL OBJECTIVE

Trail branch hopes to raise \$18,600 for Red Cross work this year. This sum is twice the quota of \$9,000 set for the 1940 national campaign No. 2, which was oversubscribed by \$2,500. A total of \$16,321 was remitted to provincial headquarters in 1940.

## REBEKAH UNIT

The Rebekah Red Cross Unit will meet in the Oddfellows' Hall on Wednesday afternoon at 2.

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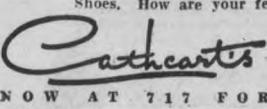
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## Citizens Are Received by Governor-General



In the legislative chamber at the Parliament Buildings His Excellency the Governor-General and Princess Alice received citizens of Greater Victoria yesterday afternoon. Above, the Earl of Athlone greets Commander C. T. Beard, R.C.N., while Miss Alberta Creaser, chief of the V.O.N., has just shaken hands with Her Royal Highness. In the background, from left to right are: Mrs. Mae Rice, Mrs. E. W. Hamber, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Major-General R. O. Alexander, Lady May Abel-Smith, Mrs. R. O. Alexander, A. M. D. Fairbairn, Hon. John Hart and Mrs. Clifford Collison.

## British Postwomen Prove Heroines

By GLADYS ARNOLD  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — When the tapestry called the Battle of Britain is finished, into its fabric will be woven innumerable threads contributed by the humble and great — filling it with light and shadow, the flash of fire and the sparkle of tears, the glint of courage and the purples of sorrow and death.

The girls will receive only a fraction of the pay they received in night clubs, or as photographers and dress models before being selected for the mission. Present pay ranges from \$15 to \$25 a week in Canadian funds in addition to expenses.

## 1,000 STUDENTS ENJOY QUARTETTE

The Hart House Quartette, world-famous ensemble, provided a real musical treat yesterday afternoon for 1,000 music-loving students of Victoria High School, Victoria College, Central Junior High, Oak Bay High and Normal School, when they played a one-hour program in the auditorium of V.H.S.

Stanley Bulley introduced James Levey, first violinist and leader of the quartette, who in turn presented Adolphe Koldofsky, second violin; Milton Blackstone, viola, and Boris Hambourg, cello. Mr. Levey also introduced and gave brief comments on the composers of and the numbers on the program.

The students were pleased with the type of selections played, for they were appealing in character, yet showing the fine points of the art for which the quartette is renowned.

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## LANGFORD

Vice-president Jack Jameson presided at the monthly meeting of the Langford-Colwood A.Y.P.A. meeting. Oswald Hincks, badminton convener, announced the league match series were over but friendly games would continue. Bert Walker and Collin Smith will debate on April 2 with members of the Cathedral branch in the Memorial Hall. The following committee was elected to arrange a country fair. The Misses Ethel Brown, Margaret Coombes, Kathleen Goodall, Bob Little, Jack Jameson and Jimmie Massey, the executive members, will meet on April 1 at the home of Bob Little, Colwood.

The council members of the Esquimalt Rural Nursing Service will meet the school teachers in the district embraced by the service on Friday at 3:30 in the Langford School.

The annual meeting of the Langford subdivision of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Friday at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. W. R. Scaife, Island Highway.

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The occasion was the first public reception tendered a visiting Governor-General and his consort here in some years and the public took full advantage. Nearly 600 persons passed before the distinguished pair, their names being called by Commander E. C. Sherwood, R.C.N., and Lieut. the Hon. E. Chatfield, R.N.V.R.

For nearly three quarters of an hour His Excellency and Princess Alice shook hands with the public, standing before the massive oak and blue leather chairs made especially for Their Majesties.

Throngs crowded the stone steps and the approaches to the Parliament Buildings an hour before the arrival of the King's representative. As a Government House limousine drew up the crowd broke into applause and the guard of honor from the 2nd Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment presented arms. His Excellency and his wife stepped from their car to be greeted by Hon. John Hart, acting Premier, attended by his secretary, Percy Richards; Major-General and Mrs. R. O. Alexander and Fred Hurley of the Provincial Secretary's Department, who made arrangements.

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"The only thing which troubles her is the darkness. She is on the road from 6:30 in the morning with some of the stars still out. The inky blackness in the lanes conceals the mud puddles into which she sometimes flounders. It is no easy job to push a loaded bicycle up our hills even in broad daylight but she does it. She rides many miles on her morning round and if there are many parcels she must make a second round. But she never complains."

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# Victoria Troops Sail Away on Great Adventure



Soldiers arrived in army trucks and had 10 minutes with relatives and friends. An army band played martial airs and crowds of civilians cheered and applauded and the soldiers shouted "Here we come," and "Let's get going."



From left to right, Gunner R. A. Page, A. G. Ayles, Len K. Jalbert, A. Semancik and R. L. Askin



Mary Hiquebran says goodbye to Gunner T. Hodgkinson of Nanaimo. Capt. Alfred Hood of Victoria.



From left to right, Deris Griffin, Gunner Ernie Force and Gladys Revercomb.



Lieut. Jack Smith of Victoria says goodbye to his wife.



Two buddies leave together — Gunners W. Silituk and M. J. Hangan.

## Paint Dollars Brighten Home

There is no expenditure so small that will give so much pleasure to so many people for such a long time as the few dollars you spend on varnish or enamel to brighten the interior of your home. That is the viewpoint expressed by J. Carl Pendray, president of British American Paint Co. Ltd., in announcing the company's annual Satin-Glo sale, which is to take place throughout the province of British Columbia during the week of March 28 to April 5.

The average kitchen is a typical example. It is the "workshop" of the home. Here fumes from gas or coal range discolor paintwork and daily use makes furniture shabby. But at small expense walls can be decorated with washable Satin-Glo so that they can be kept spotlessly clean at all times merely by wiping with a damp cloth. When the color scheme is changed it is little trouble to give the furniture a coat of quick-drying Satin-Glo enamel. It is an effort that will be well repaid for it is an exceptionally durable enamel made to stand hard service. To make the transformation complete it only remains to give the floor or linoleum a coat of Satin-Glo varnish, or if brighter colors are preferred, a coat of Satin-Glo enamel. It is of such durability that it will stand hard service underfoot. Pantry, bathroom, bedrooms, halls, etc., all can be redecorated in the same way at trifling cost.

During the week of Satin-Glo sale the company places no restrictions on the quantity of Satin-Glo finishes each purchaser is allowed to buy. In fact it has become the custom in recent years for householders to plan their entire redecorating at this time and buy accordingly. The discount during Satin-Glo sale week is approximately one-third off and at no other time during the year are Satin-Glo prices reduced.

### Monkeys on Gibraltar

Gibraltar still has wild monkeys. They are the last of the first dwellers of Europe, and receive protection from the British government.



Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, married last January.

## Opposition Wonders Who Got Wheat Facts

By NORMAN MacLEOD  
OTTAWA. — The Opposition groups in the House of Commons, as well as those Liberals from Eastern Canada who are finding themselves uncomfortable at loggerheads with the government, are wholly convinced in respect to one major premise, viz:

That, regardless of what may have been the source of the minister's scheme of bonuses for Western Canada's wheat producers, the policy was not framed by reference to any available statistics of the prairie provinces.

### NO RELATION

The situation with respect to acreage is similar. Although the government's policy is designed to withdraw 9,000,000 acres from wheat, it is argued that a substantial part of this will go into summer-fallow and grass, and that only a portion—perhaps not more than 2,000,000 acres—will go into barley and oats. And, it is emphasized, the 1940 acreage sown to barley and oats was 1,600,000 acres below the acreage sown in 1930. Consequently, no undue or unprecedently production of milled wheat is envisaged.

For prairie statistics emphasize two facts of basic importance to any appraisal of the government's policy. The first is that only in two years has farm income reached the figure of \$325,000,000 now proclaimed to be the minimum upon which a solvent west can exist.

### WEATHER IMPORTANT

The second is that weather is an immeasurably more important factor than acreage in determining production.

In respect to the first of these two points:

Prairie farm income, in millions of dollars, has been as follows for the years 1930-1940 inclusive: 1930, \$264.28; 1931, \$164.78; 1932, \$168.55; 1933, \$171.19; 1934, \$227.86; 1935, \$239.70; 1936, \$254.98; 1937, \$278.96; 1938, \$285.32; 1939, \$336.85; 1940, \$326.79.

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In other words, only in the years 1939 and 1940 has western farm income reached the figure now predicted by Agricultural Minister J. G. Gardiner as the minimum for the area. If relief disbursed in the three provinces by the federal government in 1937 and 1938 were included, their total income in the rural area would exceed \$300,000,000 but would still fall short of \$325,000,000.

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### M.P.'S NEED NOT BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY.

### BETTER MARKETS

Actually, although the government hasn't said so publicly, two sources are being relied upon to take care of any surplus livestock feed that the west may grow. The first is an expansion of the existing bacon agreement with the United Kingdom. The second is an increased demand for pork—and therefore for mill-feeds—in the United States as a result of the higher living standards certain to result from the Roosevelt defence course.

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The question persists among federal legislators, therefore, as to where Mr. Gardiner secured this \$325,000,000 figure? M.P.'s from Eastern Canada insist that it has not been supplied by the facts, but that it is an arbitrary figure adopted by civil service "brain-trusters" to justify a pre-

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## VICHY PROTESTS ALGERIA INCIDENT

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gaston Henry-Haye, Vichy ambassador to the United States, today delivered to the State Department—for transmittal to the British government—a protest from the Vichy government against the attempted interception by British warships of a convoy of French merchantmen off the coast of Algiers.

The ambassador told newsmen that since there was no direct diplomatic intercourse between Vichy and London, the Vichy government was asking the co-operation of the United States in sending the note.

Henry-Haye also said he would explain to state department officials the details of a barter arrangement under which foodstuffs have been exchanged between the occupied and unoccupied zones in France.

He added he would also seek information concerning any possible action by the United States involving French merchant ships now tied up in American harbors.

Henry-Haye said he had seen reports the French vessels might be taken over by the United States in a manner similar to the action taken in seizing Italian, German and Danish ships.

The British Admiralty on Sunday announced French shore battalions in Algeria had opened fire on British warships attempting to halt and examine a French convoy carrying "important war material for Germany" through the Strait of Gibraltar. The Admiralty said the British warships would "have been fully justified in firing on the French ships, but in the interests of humanity did not do so."

Natives of Swaziland, South Africa, eat by cupping their hands and dipping them in the food. The leftover food on the hands is used to massage their faces after eating.

In England, smoke from domestic chimneys does more damage than that from industrial chimneys. Domestic smoke does an annual damage of \$150,000,000; industrial, \$125,000,000.

Victorians won't let the boys down.

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# Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

VICTORIA BADMINTON followers are still trying to figure out that dusting Johnny Samis, Vancouver's brilliant performer and one of the finest shuttle players developed in Canada, took at the hands of Dave Freeman, United States national champ, in the finals of the Washington State tournament. They can't believe Freeman's of the match in straight sets 15-5, 15-5, is that much better than the former holder of the Canadian singles crown.

"I can't see anybody taking Samis that easy," declared Bud Hocking, well-known local tennis and badminton devotee. "Figure Johnny must have been sick or something. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the scores." We haven't forgotten what Jack Purcell, famous Canadian professional, had to say about this lad Freeman, during his recent visit. Jack described the California youngster as "a player capable of holding his own with the best in Canada."

If Freeman is really that much better than Samis then he's undoubtedly one of the all-time greats of the sport. We also learn that Freeman played the final with a blister the size of half a dollar on the ball of one foot. And don't think that doesn't slow up a fellow.

Al Hostak, Seattle's former middleweight champion of the world, faces the crossroads of his fight career tonight in the sound city when he hooks up with Ben Brown of Atlanta, Ga. Reports have it that Hostak has trained the hardest since he took the title away from Freddie Steele. It is a case of make or break for the Slav. In a preflight statement Hostak said: "I never felt better in my life and I know I can beat Brown. I'm going to try to knock him out and prove to the fans 1941-?"

## B.C. Boxing Meet

# No Heavies Entered

VANCOUVER (CP) — An entry of 36 promises plenty of action and entertainment when British Columbia amateur boxing titles are decided here tomorrow night with the best of the province's fighters out to grab off a championship or two for themselves.

The card will be a one-night stand rather than the two-night affair originally planned.

Both island and interior points will be represented by fighters and the active services will have their share of representatives out for honors.

All weights, except the heaviest, will be on the bill. Allan Dunn, Golden Gloves lightweight champ, was expected to put in a bid but decided against it when no opposition appeared. Jack Patterson, Northwest Golden Gloves heavyweight champion from Victoria, and Frank Glover, now with the army, looked like likely contenders but both are passing the fight up.

**OTHER CLASSES**

There should be plenty of action in the other classes though.

Tadao Kato, Canadian fly-weight champion and Northwest Golden Gloves bantamweight titleholder, and Jackie Turner, flyweight, slacked in the 118-pound division, Jimmy Filipone, Jimmy Cowan and Bus Lindsay in the lightweight, and Joe Ashenbrenner, former Dominion

## Dominoes Play Again

# Meet Chinese Friday

Dominoes will haul their playing tongs from the moth balls to play an exhibition game at the Willows Sports Centre Friday night against touring Hong Wah Kues, San Francisco Chinese professional squad. The game will start at 8:30 with a preliminary to open the show an hour earlier.

Hong Wah Kues appeared here last season against the Dominoes and put on an interesting exhibition. They proved adept ball handlers and a smart floor aggregation. This season the Chinese have added three new men to their lineup, and claim their club is much stronger than last year's edition.

Well rested up from their recent hectic series with Varsity in the provincial playoff the Dominoes should show to good form against the touring team.

## CHINESE TEAM

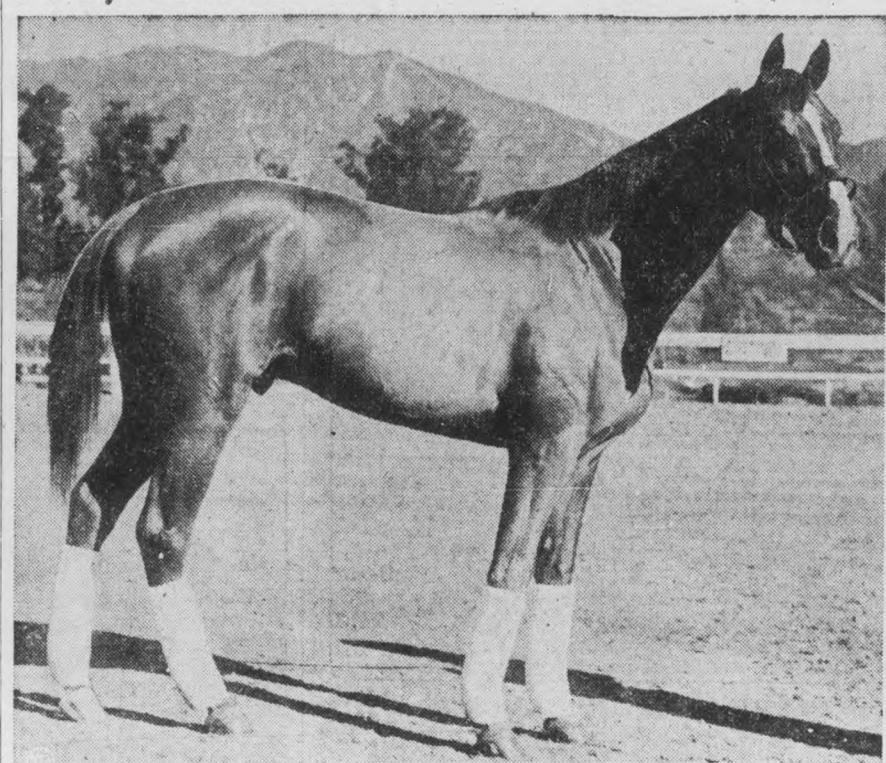
The personnel of the Chinese team follows:

Lee Bo Chin—Centre and captain. Age 23, height 6 feet. Born in Canton, China, Chin came to this continent at an early age. He was all-city prep basketball star at Lowell high, San Francisco, and in his tours with the Hong Wah Kues, has won a reputation as an outstanding performer.

Hing Tai Siu—Forward. Age 23, height 5 feet 11 inches. An

Tuesday, April 1, 1941

## Derby Favorite



One of the highly-favored contenders for the Kentucky Derby to be run at Churchill Downs on May 3 is Porter's Cap, above. Most famous racing son of The Porter the colt is the property of Charles S. Howard, famous California owner and boasts such famous stablemates as Seabiscuit, Kayak II and Midland.

## Western Hockey

# Trail Drops Game

WINNIPEG (CP) — Two Rangers hockey teams, Regina and Winnipeg, both with a working agreement with New York Rangers of the National Hockey League, today waited naming of their opponents in the western Canada senior and junior finals.

Regina Rangers eliminated Port Arthur Bearcats, 1939 Allan Cup holders, in a best-of-five series 3 to 1 by virtue of a 3 to 2 triumph last night in the Saskatchewan capital. Winnipeg Rangers won the Manitoba-Thunder Bay junior crown earlier.

John Kennedy of Red Deer, Alta., who came to Regina with Fred Metcalfe from Lethbridge Maple Leafs last fall, scored the victory goal early in the third period of the clean but hard-fought game. That goal sent Rangers into the final against either Lethbridge Maple Leafs or Trail Smoke Eaters. Opening game of the next series will be at Trail on Saturday.

A former Regina star of last season—Alex Kaleta—led Lethbridge to a 6 to 3 win over Trail, forcing a sixth game in the far west semiinals. Maple Leafs won the fourth game 3 to 2 after Trail took two encounters 3 to 1 and 2 to 1 and the opener was a scoreless draw.

Kaleta, a centre, made plays for two goals and scored once unassisted.

## SCORELESS PERIOD

The first period went scoreless with both teams playing at lightning pace and Leafs shot into a 3 to 2 lead in the second. Lane gave them a 4 to 2 lead early in the third before Trail got their final goal and Leafs went on to a brace before the bell.

Despite the fact both teams played at a blazing clip throughout the first period and each enjoyed a man advantage there was no scoring. Checking was close and infractions were meted out mainly for tripping.

Leafs came closest to scoring when Walter Ristmad's rising shot glanced off Duke Scodellaro's shoulder early in the frame and on one other occasion when the Trail goalie dived far out of his net, but Lunde missed Kaleta's goalmouth pass.

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Action continued at a terrific pace in the middle session with Trail scoring in the second minute of play on a play which saw Dan pass from a corner to Buckna in front of the cage and the former drill a hard shot that whistled into the twine of Young's pads.

Smoke Eaters began playing a defensive game and Leafs gradually increased the pressure. Wade went to the cooler for kneeling and Lee Wah Quong, Sets crowds roaring with his antics, but, for all that, is a fine player. Quong was the only Chinese ever to captain a Catholic high school team in California, gaining that honor at Sacred Heart Academy, San Francisco.

Quon Gum Duck—Guard. Age 22, height 5 feet 10 inches. Born in Hong Kong, China, this lad also came to North America when very young and soon became proficient in basketball and football in San Francisco's Chinese Rice Bowl game.

Lim Jue Nung—Forward. Age 21, height 5 feet 9 inches. A versatile athlete. Besides being an all-city pick at Lowell high, he was also an ace on the school's swimming team. Nung is a very progressive player and a talented ball handler.

Yin Fay Yuen—Forward. Age 22, height 5 feet 8 inches. Also prepped at Galileo, where he made all-city in basketball, and C. Maingay form the champion ship flight.

**DUNCAN GOLF**

DUNCAN—Eighteen men members of the Cowichan Golf Club teed off Sunday for the qualifying round of the club championship. Col. Slater was medalist with a 79. H. E. Heesly was runner-up with 84. R. W. Taylor and H. C. Hanson, 88; then four with A. S. Irvine, R. E. Bails, Dr. V. W. Tarlton and R. C. Maingay form the champion ship flight.

## Bowling Congress

ST. PAUL (AP)—Nelson Burton, St. Louis, generally recognized as one of bowling's all-time greats, nabbed the spotlight in the American Bowling Congress late yesterday.

Burton, who won the doubles at New York in 1937 while paired with Virgil Gibbs of Kansas City, with a 1,359 total, soared into second place in the doubles and muffed a chance to take both the singles and all-events lead by only one pin with 1,306.

The St. Louis ace opened his singles with 255 and 259 and then encountered three wide open splits in the final game for 170 and a 684 tally. Burton's 590 team score gave him an aggregate of 1,965 and second in the all-events.

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Smoke Eaters began playing a defensive game and Leafs gradually increased the pressure. Wade went to the cooler for kneeling and Lee Wah Quong, Sets crowds roaring with his antics, but, for all that, is a fine player. Quong was the only Chinese ever to captain a Catholic high school team in California, gaining that honor at Sacred Heart Academy, San Francisco.

Quon Gum Duck—Guard. Age 22, height 5 feet 10 inches. Born in Hong Kong, China, this lad also came to North America when very young and soon became proficient in basketball and football in San Francisco's Chinese Rice Bowl game.

Lim Jue Nung—Forward. Age 21, height 5 feet 9 inches. A versatile athlete. Besides being an all-city pick at Lowell high, he was also an ace on the school's swimming team. Nung is a very progressive player and a talented ball handler.

Yin Fay Yuen—Forward. Age 22, height 5 feet 8 inches. Also prepped at Galileo, where he made all-city in basketball, and C. Maingay form the champion ship flight.

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## OUT OUR WAY



## By Williams

## Uncle Ray

## Chinese Explode Firecrackers on Many Days of Year

If the Chinese were celebrating April Fool's Day today, you may be sure they would do it with firecrackers.

China is the great home of the firecracker. It seems to have been the first place where the little noise-making things ever were made, and for hundreds of years they have been used in the big country of eastern Asia.



An old-time Chinese mandarin

All through the year there are holidays which are marked by exploding firecrackers. Many times a Chinaman doesn't wait for a holiday; he gives a dinner party and makes his guests feel good by setting off firecrackers—the more noise the better.

The greatest firecracker day is the Chinese New Year. It is celebrated when the first new moon comes after the sun is seen in a certain part of the sky, the "sign of Aquarius." The date is somewhere between January 21 and February 19.

The old Chinese calendar dates back 4,638 years. A Chinaman who followed it might say, "This is the year 4638," instead of using our plan and saying, "This is 1941."

To this day the Chinese keep the old calendar to some extent and observe the New Year holiday.

The republic, however, made a law saying the "official" calendar of the nation would be like our calendar, with bit of difference.

The difference was to be in regard to the number of the year. Nineteen hundred and twelve, the first year of the republic was to be the Year One, and the next year the Year Two.

We cannot say what kind of a calendar the Chinese will have in the future. That will be partly a question of how much power over the country the Japanese will have.

To win power in China is one thing, and to keep it is another. Through thousands of years the Chinese have suffered from invasion, floods and famine, but they still are there, more than 400,000,000 of them.

Among those who invaded China are the Manchus. Three centuries ago, they came in from the north and conquered the country. A Manchu took over the throne of China and ruled as emperor. After him came many other Manchu emperors, and they kept power until a revolution brought about a republic.

While the Manchus were in power there came into being a great number of public officers known as "kwans" or "kuans." That is what the Chinese called them. In the outside world they came to be known as "mandarins," a name from the Hindu language. There were nine kinds, or grades, of mandarins. They often were rich, and some were greatly feared by the plain people.

## HOROSCOPE

Wednesday, April 2

Conflicting planetary aspects are active today. While the morning is auspicious for constructive work, there is later an ill omen for certain agreements or contracts.

As spring repairs and spring shopping engage the attention of women, there will be a distinct trend toward simplicity in home decorations and furnishings, as well as in feminine attire. Months ago the seers foretold the wearing of uniforms by many young women, and again they prophesy such patriotic service. Young college girls will answer the call for nurses. After the brilliancy of winter social affairs there will be less entertaining, due to an under-tone of dread.

The culmination of Uranus at Washington with trine Mars in the sixth, is read as presaging for the nation a tremendous provocation toward military intervention to aid the British forces. A naval engagement or loss in the Pacific is forecast. Differences of opinion regarding foreign policies will prove most unfortunate in retarding plans for aiding the

By William Ferguson

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD



RIGHTERONG? BASEBALLS USED BY MAJOR LEAGUE TEAMS ARE ALL ALIKE.

ANSWER: Wrong. The standard baseball used by the National League differs slightly from that used in the American.

## Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—Some three and a half years ago my wife died, leaving me with six children, loaded with debts and thoroughly upset in spirit. Although I was devoted to my wife, I am getting lonely and feel that my children need the love and care and influence of an alert, good and healthy woman of the motherly type. I would like to marry a woman who has the money to help me make another home and get a start in some outdoor business. I have never been a money-maker myself and I would like a second wife who had the means to educate my children and give them a chance in life. What do you think of this?

A WIDOWER.

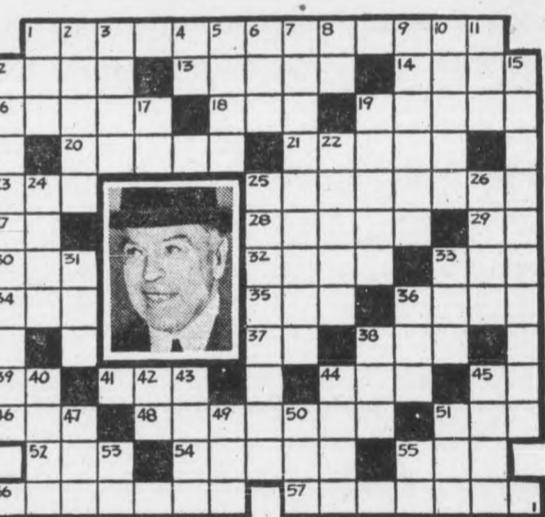
Answer—I am afraid, Mr. Widower, that I don't know any woman who is altruistic enough to be willing to spend her money on supporting a man and his six children.

All of the women I know are hard-boiled enough to think that they could have a better time using their incomes for their own diversion and in buying themselves pretty clothes and traveling and so on. And, besides, they don't pine to undertake the job of bringing up a household of children and sewing and cooking and patching and mending for them.

But don't you think you are offering a rather unequal bargain? You demand a paragon of a woman, with a fortune to boot, and all she is to get in return is the opportunity to sacrifice herself to you and your children? You don't even offer her a heart to nibble on. Mighty few women are anxious enough to marry to jump at your proposition.

DOROTHY DIX.

## Today's Crossword Puzzle



**HORIZONTAL** 45 Onward. 1 Prime Minister of Canada. 12 Every. 13 Departments. 14 Long grass. 15 Wealthy. 16 Genus of plants. 17 Sun god. 18 Right of precedence. 19 Vagrant. 20 Newspaper paragraphs. 21 Silly. 22 Forward girl. 23 Flane. 24 Private. 25 Frozen water. 26 Young ox. 27 Sun god. 28 Young ox. 29 To accomplish. 30 Little devil. 31 To relate. 32 To peruse. 33 To wriggle. 34 Being. 35 Young horse. 36 And. 37 Stomach. 38 Court. 39 (abbr.). 40 Fuel. 41 Substitute.

**VERTICAL** 1 Fifth month. 2 Sour. 3 Forward girl. 4 Type measure. 5 Forceps. 6 Genius of grasses. 7 Persevering. 8 Electric unit. 9 Pressing machine. 10 At no time. 11 Driving command. 12 He is a statesman of wide —. 13 To handle. 14 Slave. 15 Above. 16 Small shield. 17 Nothing. 18 Yes. 19 Silkworm. 20 Half an em. 21 Lava.

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

1 FLAMINGO, SIERRA, DIANA, ARGOL, FEET, TROG, GORSY, TILL, PINAS, AES, LA, RIST, A, UTMOST, MANTIC, A, ASYLUM, GEE, JESTERS, HOE, EA, HAS, BRAIN, AS, COY, RUE, PET, BOOM, MOTTO, SOUP, COLONIES, SWAMPS.

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## TOWN TOPICS

The A.R.P. wardens of Area 5C, Saanich, are requested to attend an antigas lecture at Tillicum School tonight at 8.

A. W. Arup will address a British-Israel World Federation meeting at First Baptist Church tonight at 8 on "When Russia Invades Palestine."

City police have been asked to help find Emily Brown, 30, last heard of here in September, 1940. She is described as five feet four inches tall, fair complexion, brown hair. Her mother is seriously ill at Glen Ewen, Sask.

The monthly meeting of the Victoria Boys' Band committee will be held at 8 Wednesday, in the committee room at the Victoria City Hall. George MacDonald will be in the chair. Parents of bandsmen interested in the work of the committee are invited to attend.

At the meeting of the Victoria Club for the Hard-of-hearing in their clubrooms, 1416 Douglas Street, Wednesday evening, C. Bateman, M.B.E., will show a colored photographic series of pictures on various subjects of life in India.

E. Haikin, 508 Gorge Road, reported to city police yesterday that tools valued at \$13 had been stolen from his truck, while A. B. Morris, 2909 Richmond Road, reported a large concrete mould had been taken from his place. W. Eason, 1127 Oscar Street, reported to police that both license plates had been stolen from his car while parked on Tillicum Road Saturday night.

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## No Civic Liability For Blackout Test

City Solicitor F. L. Shaw sat in this morning at a conference with Attorney-General Wismer, Vancouver Corporation Counsel D. E. McTaggart, B.C. Police Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons and Chief Protection Officer S. F. M. Moodie to iron out legal technicalities connected with a blackout trial.

"We are satisfied it can go ahead without any legal liability resting on the city," Mr. Wismer announced at the meeting.

Tomorrow he will meet Mayor McGavin to discuss synchronizing a Victoria blackout with the one proposed in Vancouver about May 15.

A 15-minute black period is planned, and co-operation of the naval, military and air services as well as veterans' organizations and the regular wardens is being sought by the Attorney-General.

Commissioner Parsons has compiled a special report on the blackout test at Prince Rupert in which he deals with some of the problems discovered and proposals for overcoming them.



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## City Revenue Figures Soar

The city today looked over a quarterly revenue picture so bright, it was startling.

Figures compiled in various departments showed a 10 per cent increase in the collection of current taxes when compared with those for the same period in 1940. In the building inspector's department an increase of 70 per cent was shown for the first three months of 1941 against the opening quarter of 1940 and in the lands office an increase of over 50 per cent was disclosed in actual sales for the first three months of the year.

While figures were not available, the domestic consumption of water was certain to show an increase, with new buildings requiring additional services.

## TAXES FLOW IN

Although certain readjustments may be required on the basis of a two mill tax cut this year, actual collection of current taxes stand \$33,434 above those of last year, the figures being \$59,600 for the quarter ending yesterday against \$53,165 at March 31, 1940.

The anticipated reduction in the collection of arrears was only \$8,432 below last year when the sum of \$47,609 had been paid in through that channel.

## LAND SALES BOOM

In the lands department, 101 parcels were reported sold for \$33,205 since the beginning of the year. In 1940, when the bargain lot campaign was on, 91 parcels had been sold for \$21,037. During last month 39 properties brought \$14,125 against \$26,148 in the similar month in 1940. For the year to date the amount stands at \$47,403, against \$47,274 for the first quarter of last year.

Actual cash receipts, failing to show the same increase owing to the fact \$15,000 was paid to the city last year by the government for the Adelphi Block. Lacking a major payment of that sort, the March cash receipts this year amounted to \$15,951, against \$26,148 in the similar month in 1940. For the year to date the amount stands at \$47,403, against \$47,274 for the first quarter of last year.

## BUILDINGS GOING UP

Continued home building and erection of major stores, apartments and bungalow courts told the story of the building boom.

This year's total values were listed at \$570,991, against \$319,200 for the same period in 1940. Included in the 1940 quarter's total were 69 dwellings, counting duplexes, apartments and family residences. During January eight houses worth \$24,600, seven duplexes valued at \$30,150 and two apartments worth \$35,000 were put up. In February there were 17 homes worth \$49,400, one duplex worth \$3,350 and two apartments listed at \$52,550.

Last month 16 dwellings valued at \$43,350 and 15 duplexes figured at \$85,500 were started along with one small apartment worth \$6,500. During March last year dwelling and duplex construction represented \$52,550.

Also listed last month were \$59,736 worth of stores, a \$7,000 soldiers' classroom at Victoria High School and \$54,733 miscellaneous work.

All told the values for the month were \$229,919 against last March's \$111,233, which included a \$10,000 job for the V.M.D., a \$35,000 sanitarium and an \$8,683 church project.

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## Home Fire Rates Cut 16 Per Cent

Effective today, fire insurance rates on City and Oak Bay homes drop approximately 16 per cent and those on furniture about 7 per cent, according to an explanation issued today covering yesterday's announcement of the Victoria and District Fire Insurance Agents Association's new rates.

The reductions range from 5 to 28 per cent on various types of risks, it was explained. On those items securing the lowest rate, the 5 per cent cut is made. On those carrying the most expensive, the greatest reduction is allowed.

The association, for business reasons, declined to announce its new rate structure in detail, but stated the downward revision was made on a basis of previous figures.

The change was made possible, spokesmen for the agents' association explained, by the low fire loss in the city last year and general conditions throughout the province.

At the City Hall today officials were unable to state how the change would affect corporation buildings and equipment. Such a statement might be issued, it was understood, when the city was informed of the definite rates applicable to its holdings.

A request for reduction in the rates went forward from the City Council early this year. The fire

## Indians Dance and Chant



His Excellency the Governor-General shakes hands with Chief Edward Jim of Saanich.

Indian chiefs of ancient tribes of Vancouver Island and the lower mainland, went to Government House this morning to see His Excellency the Governor-General, representative in Canada of their great white chief, His Majesty the King.

They sang and danced for the Earl of Athlone, presented him with a Union Jack and addresses of loyalty and affection and asked him to tell the King they were willing to fight and die for him and the Empire.

Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, who was with His Excellency, was presented by Mrs. Abraham Johnny of the Cowichans with a handsome beaded and buckskin bag. Reciprocating, Her Royal Highness presented the pretty Indian woman with a brooch, in the shape of a fish.

The half-hour ceremony took place before the porte cochere of Government House, in front of the Totem Pole. The Indian chiefs and the war dancers were garbed in historic costumes. They wore long wigs and blankets and their velvet trousers were covered in buttons and beads. War paint covered the faces of those in costume.

## LOYALTY PLEDGED

Simon Pierre of Port Hardwood, who went to see King Edward VII at Buckingham Palace in 1906 and attended the coronation of King George V in 1911, was master of ceremonies. He thanked His Excellency for the education and good treatment his government had given the Indians.

The flag was then presented to the Governor-General by 81-year-old Chief Edward Jim of Saanich, whose feet were bare. His Excellency was then introduced to the Indians to be present at the coronation of King George VI in 1937.

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## War Services Drive

### Continue Until \$75,000 Donated

Canvassing in Greater Victoria for the Canadian War Services Fund will continue until the objective of \$75,000 has been reached, S. K. Campbell, campaign chairman, announced today.

Total subscribed to the fund to date is \$50,814.92.

"It is felt that with the record this city has of never having failed in reaching an objective in any national drive, citizens would not consider for one minute closing the present campaign without the \$75,000 objective being reached," Mr. Campbell said.

"This, it should be realized, is a campaign in the direct interest of Canadian boys in the navy, army and air force," the campaign chairman continued. "I feel confident that Victoria will not let the boys down."

Subscriptions to the fund yesterday were \$3,907.45.

The central committee of canvassers contributed \$1,050; the business committee, \$397; the residential, \$1,379.40; the industrial-commercial, \$563.05; the services, \$578.

None of the canvassing divisions have reached their quotas yet. The central committee has, to date, contributed \$2,345 of its \$45,000 quota; the business, \$2,662.90 of its \$5,500 quota; the residential, \$12,044.97 of its \$15,500 quota; the industrial-commercial, \$563.05.

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## Earthquake Recorded

### Continue Until \$75,000 Donated

A severe earthquake was recorded at the Dominion Astronomical Observatory on Little Saanich Mountain between 2.45 and 4.40 this morning. The epicentre was judged to be 1,400 miles away in a probable westerly direction.

The first waves reached Victoria at 2.45 and the secondary waves at 2.49. The waves reached their maximum strength at 2.52.

SASKATOON (CP)—The Seismograph at the University of Saskatchewan registered an earthquake from 3.43 to 4.23 a.m. M.S.T. (2.43 to 3.23, P.S.T.) to day. The greatest disturbance at 4.04 a.m., when the delicate needle moved 5 M.M. A spokesman for the physics department said the quake was about 7,100 miles from here, but he would not hazard any direction.

SEATTLE (AP)—The University of Washington seismograph recorded an earth shock at 2.48 a.m., P.S.T., today, apparently about 1,800 miles distant in an undetermined direction.

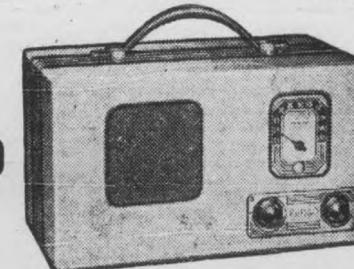
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## OBITUARY

SHERMAN — Funeral service will be held in Vancouver tomorrow for Ruyter Stinson Sherman, 76, Vancouver school principal and naturalist and former civil engineer and surveyor. He came to the Pacific coast in 1891. He taught at Port Moody in 1895 and at Mission City in 1899.

HILL—Annie Hill, of 710 Queen's Avenue, died today at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. She was born at Crieff, Perthshire, Scotland, and moved to this city 43 years ago from San Francisco. She was a member of First United Church. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 from the S. J. Curry and Son Funeral Home. Interment at Colwood.

GIBBS—Richard Ronald Gibbs, 115 May Street, died at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday, aged 78. He was born in London, England, and came to this province in 1903, living at Metchosin from 1920 to 1925. He returned to Victoria four years ago. Funeral will be held Thursday from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, proceeding to St. Alban's Church for service by Rev. F. Comley at 2. Interment at Royal Oak.

HOUSE—Mrs. Elizabeth House, wife of Arthur T. House, died this morning at the family residence, 3521 Richmond Avenue, in her 62nd year. She was born in Sheffield, Yorks., and had been a resident of Victoria for 15 years, being an active member of St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Hayward's B.C. Funeral Co.

SLINGSBY — The funeral of Commander C. H. R. Slingsby will be held tomorrow afternoon, leaving Hayward's B.C. Funeral Co. at 2:15 for services at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, at 2:30. Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn will officiate. Cremation at Royal Oak.

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### Announcements

**BIRTHS**  
DE COSTA—To Mr. and Mrs. L. De Costa (nee Dorothy Holmes) Juno Street, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, in son.

MENZIES—To Lieut. and Mrs. W. L. Menzies, 1460 Gresham Place, and Harry Gordon, on March 27, at Jubilee Hospital.

**DEATHS**  
MILNES—Suddenly, on March 30, 1941, at his residence, 464 Ross Street, George Conner Milnes, aged 64, born at Birkenhead, England, died at Victoria for five years. Survived by his wife, at home; one son, Bernard, with wife, and two daughters, Mrs. Conner and one sister, Mrs. Deacon, in England.

Funeral from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel on Wednesday at 1:45 p.m. Mr. Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunns officiating. Interment at Colwood Burial Park. (No flowers, by request).

SLINGSBY—On Saturday, March 28, 1941, there passed away at the provincial Jubilee Hospital, Commander Charles Henry Slingby, R.N., of 2180 Oak Bay Avenue.

Funeral on Wednesday, leaving Victoria at 10 a.m. for St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, where service will be conducted by the Ven. Canon E. H. Nunns in the Anglican Church.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the residence of the S. J. Curry & Son's Funeral Home. Interment will take place in the family plot at Colwood Burial Park.

HILL—There passed away Tuesday, April 1, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Annie Hill, 70 Queen's Avenue. The late Mrs. Hill was born in Penzance, Cornwall, England, and moved to this city 43 years ago from San Francisco. She was a widow.

There survives her passing, her husband, John, at the family residence, Queen's Avenue, and her son, G. Heather and Mrs. Murray Hanna, Vancouver. Mrs. B. H. Anderson, Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. G. H. and Mrs. G. Hanna, and Miss A. E. Hill, in this city; also four sons, Edward, in Berkeley, Calif.; Alfred, in Victoria; and in this city, also 12 grandchildren.

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HOUSE—On April 1, 1941, at the family residence, 1208 Juno Street, Saanich, Elizabeth House, beloved wife of Arthur T. House, in her 62nd year; born at London, England, and a resident of British Columbia since 1903 and a resident of Victoria for 15 years. Survived by her husband, her husband, two sons, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wood, both in Revelstoke; one sister, Mrs. James Marshall, Victoria, and two daughters, Mrs. G. H. and Mrs. Hanna, and Miss A. E. Hill, in this city; also four sons, Edward, in Berkeley, Calif.; Alfred, in Victoria; and in this city, also 12 grandchildren.

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**D**ANCE—CRYSTAL GARDEN. EVERY  
Wednesday, 9:30 to 12:30. Len Acres  
orchestra and feature vocalist, Margaret  
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**D**ANCE—ARDWELL SHIPWARD WORKS  
Union meeting, Tuesday, March  
18, Buffalo Hall, 8 p.m. 1487-2-77

**D**OE (PRIMROSE) RUMMAGE SALE.  
April 5, 9 a.m. next to McLennan  
McPeek & Prior. 1379-1-77

**M**ILITARY 500 TONIGHT. 414 SKINNER  
\$30. 20 prizes. refreshments. 25c.  
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51 Property for Sale

DARWIN AVE., SAANICH - GOOD LEVEL lot, 50' x 141'; fenced; no rock; \$175. cash. E9994. 1354-6-77

52 Property for Exchange

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CALLAO, Peru (AP) — Two German merchantmen were set afire and their seafarers opened by their crews early today in Callao Harbor after their attempt to leave port had been thwarted without a Peruvian cruiser.

The two vessels, the 5,898-ton Leipzig and the 5,578-ton Monserrate, tried to leave the harbor shortly before last midnight and hours after two other Nazi merchantmen had sailed without papers.

HALTED BY CRUISER

The Peruvian cruiser Coronel Bolívar, however, stopped them by firing five warning shots, and they returned to port, where they were set afire.

Both vessels still were burning two hours later.

The ships which sped away from the harbor after nightfall last night with lights doused

were the 5,619-ton Muenchen and the 4,833-ton Hermonthuis.

With the Leipzig and the Monserrate, they had been here since the outbreak of war.

LOADED WITH COTTON

The Leipzig and the Monserrate only recently were loaded with 2,000 tons and 1,300 tons, respectively, of cotton bought by a Japanese commercial mission.

Both are cargo-passenger ships.

The Leipzig, owned by the North German Lloyd Line, and the Monserrate, owned by the Hamburg-American Line, were built in 1938 and both operated before the war between Europe and South America.

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**Around the Docks**

**MIKE TO ARRIVE HERE IN NOVEMBER**

Named after the vessel which inaugurated the N.Y.K. north trans-Pacific service in 1896, the new passenger and cargo motor-ship *Mike Maru* is scheduled to arrive in quarantine here November 9 from Japan, it was learned following arrival of the *Hei Maru* this week.

The presentation was made by G. A. Yardley, Collector of Customs and Excise, who happily voiced the sentiments of the staff in losing a popular and efficient co-worker and extending to him the best wishes for the future. Mrs. Andrews was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Capt. Andrews entered the customs service November 1, 1911, as an acting preventive officer, from which position he rose to that of computing clerk and subsequently to the office of port accountant.

Prior to entering the Canadian customs service, Capt. Andrews saw military service with the Imperial forces, serving in China, Egypt, Crete and India, and he went through the first World War, leaving here with the 88th Battalion, and later being transferred to the 29th Battalion.

After the war Capt. Andrews served for some time as demobilization officer at Victoria and Vancouver, and on the completion of that work he rejoined the customs service.

In his early days Capt. Andrews was quite an athlete, and while in the Imperial army was a military bombing plane that was apparently in difficulty 30 miles north of Lethbridge. Obligingly breaking off his routine, the pilot took new bearings and made for the spot. The country looked familiar when he arrived overhead. Widening disclosed nothing amiss and then he radioed back: "Say, it wouldn't be me I'm looking for would it?" I was over here a half-hour ago." Sure enough the telephone call that started the plane on its search had been made by a resident who mistook the big Loderstar for a bomber and the practice "let-down" manoeuvres for an indication the aircraft was trying to find a landing place.

Trans-Canada Airlines believes rail and air transport are complementary. Indeed, the Canadian National Railways performs, or supervises, many functions for TCA which do not pertain exclusively to an air transport operation.

Now TCA is borrowing a piece of railway technique, using fuses to mark the approach to an airport runway under conditions of reduced visibility. There is a vital difference in the interpretation of the signal. To the trainman it indicates a stop or proceed with caution. It tells the pilot he is correctly lined up to proceed with a landing, however.

Four fuses burning bright red at the end of a landing strip penetrate hazy atmospheric better than the customary electric field lighting. TCA draws on the rail way stores from coast to coast for its fuses which are spliced and can be stuck in the ground. Once lighted they last a number of minutes. So far as is known the Canadian airline is the only one to use this wrinkle.

**P.R. Appointments**

Charles A. Cottrell, assistant general manager C.P.R., announced today appointment of W. D. McLeod, formerly general yardmaster, Vancouver, to the post of assistant superintendent Vancouver, replacing George L. Phillips.

Mr. Phillips today took over his new position as assistant superintendent of terminals, Winnipeg.

W. J. Pescud, assistant yardmaster at Aylth, Alberta, becomes general yardmaster, Vancouver, succeeding Mr. McLeod. These changes, effective April 1, result from the retirement of R. A. Gamble, superintendent of the Winnipeg terminals.

Mr. Phillips, before his departure for Winnipeg, was honored by colleagues of the Vancouver division in the office of George H. Baillie, superintendent. Gift of a fountain pen desk set and a combination cigarette lighter and case was made by Mr. Baillie on behalf of the staff.

**Keel-laying Delayed**

VANCOUVER (CP)—Delay in the arrival of steel from the east will hold up laying of the keel for the first steel cargo ship built in British Columbia in 20 years.

Clarence Wallace, president of Burrard Drydock Company Ltd., said today.

**Victorians won't let the boys down.**

The shipyard has a contract for eight steel cargo ships for Britain, valued at \$15,000,000. A \$400,000 addition to the drydock plant is not yet completed but it is ready for laying of the first keel.

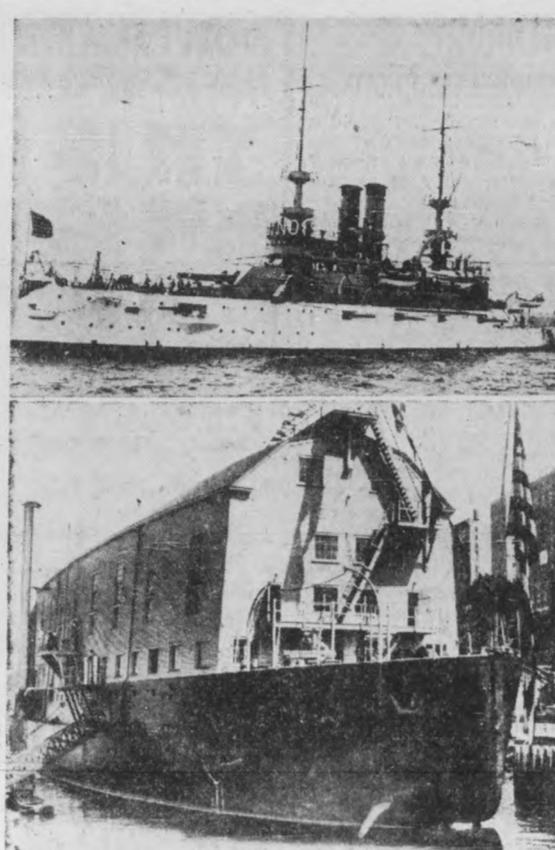
**Foreign Accounts Rise**

WASHINGTON (AP)—The treasury, disclosing some details of the huge movement of foreign money to the United States for safekeeping during 1940, said today that foreign short-term banking accounts rose \$721,627,000 to a total of \$37,786,555,000.

France boosted its balance by \$201,868,000. Switzerland increased its deposits \$132,037,000. Scandinavian and Balkan countries jumped theirs \$133,678,000.

Purchases of war materials reduced United Kingdom deposits by \$82,753,000. Because of fears the United States might "freeze" their funds, Germany withdrew \$2,769,000 and Italy \$20,596,000 from their known bank accounts.

Canada added \$159,662,000 to its deposits, Latin America added \$11,295,000, and Asia \$118,979,000.



**New York Stocks**

NEW YORK (AP)—Leading stocks were bid up in today's market without the benefit of much comforting news.

While a few specialties, notably Canadian mining issues, tacked on 1 to 4 points, gains of minor amounts were the rule at the close.

Canadian stocks came to life on talk of the Dominion government considering an exchange agreement which would give Canadian currency parity with the United States dollar.

Dome Mines, International Nickel and McIntyre Porcupine pushed up more than a point each, the latter two touching new tops for 1941.

Favored most of the day were Canadian Pacific, Union Pacific, Hirman Walker, General Steel, Castings preferred, American Car and Foundry common, Chicago Great Western preferred, U.S. Steel, Chrysler, American Can, Du Pont, U.S. Rubber, Cerro De Pasco, United Aircraft and American Telephone.

(By H. A. Number Ltd.)

**Dow Jones averages closed**

today as follows:

30 industrials—123.26, up 0.54

20 rails—28.78, up 0.11

20 utilities—19.59, off 0.10

Total sales 450,000.

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American P. & L.

American Rolling Mills

Anaconda Copper

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe

Baldwin Locomotive

Bendix Aviation

Bendix Steel

Briggs

Chrysler

C. & O. Railway

Crown Zellerbach

Crucible Steel

Curtiss Wright

Diamond Aircraft

Dupont

Eastman Kodak

General Foods

General Electric

General Mills

Great Northern

International Harvester

Johns Manville

Kennecott Copper

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